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Los Altos Ward

Elder Bennion At Dedication

By Dallas S. Burch

Elder Adam S. Bennion of the Council of Twelve Apostles offered the dedicatory prayer for divine acceptance of the enlarged and remodeled Los Altos Ward Chapel at a dedication service there, December 1. Other principal speakers were Palo Alto Stake President David Haight and Ward Bishop Lyle Egan. Additional brief remarks were made by ward members William Robertson and Floyd Goates, whose participation had dealt with donated labor and finance respectively. The recently completed chapel serves the increasing congregation in the cities of Los Altos, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and vicinity.

In his eloquent dedicatory prayer, Elder Bennion first gave thanks for our birthright as Americans, having the privilege of living in a land where the Church could be established. He expressed gratitude for the lovely edifice and for the devotion of those men and women who made it possible—for the architect, overseers, builders, those who gave their means, and all who worked upon it.

HE PRAYED for a divine blessing on the grounds and structure and for its protection against the elements, calamity, and defacement. He asked that all who come within its walls might find a friendly influence, faith, peace, and comfort. He further prayed that the chapel be a means for the development of character and ennobling of souls.

In his closing words he exhorted, "Let us remember that, as we dedicate this structure and these grounds, we dedicate ourselves to the great work lying ahead; and wilt Thou make us equal to it, with purity in our hearts."

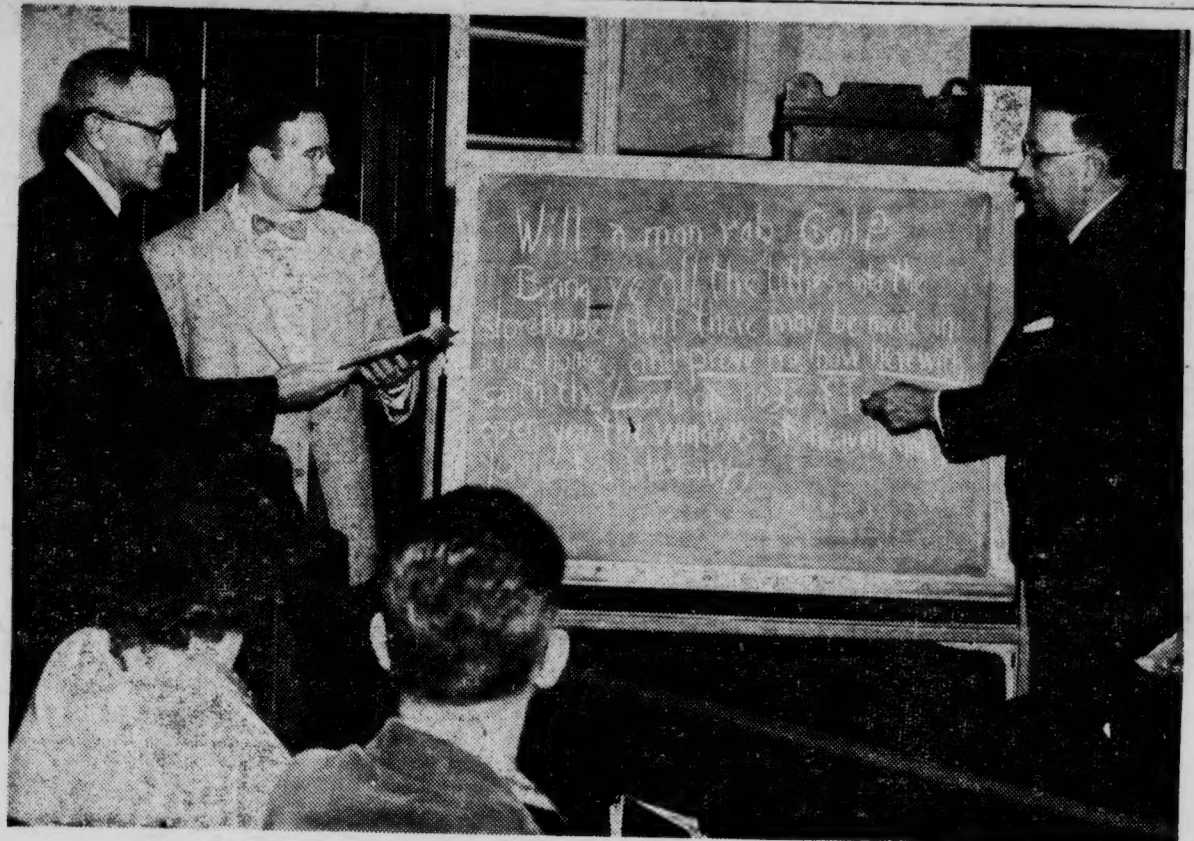
Stake President Haight declared the dedicatory service to be a wonderful climax to a beautiful day, and then reviewed the events leading up to the need for the chapel, its construction and completion. "We are grateful," he said, "to all of you who have given your time and material wealth and your love and devotion to this project because it was completed faster than we thought it would be and we are dedicating it earlier than what we

thought."

Bishop Egan also paid tribute to all who had participated in the undertaking, including those, often overlooked, who work behind the scenes in keeping the necessary records and performing other business and clerical duties. He appealed for proper reverence for the chapel and grounds, thereby helping "to mold the character of our children and their children."

THE MEETING included a warm tribute by President Haight and others to Bishop Egan and his counselors for their many years of arduous and devoted service to the congregation. President Haight then announced the proposal, with approval of the First Presidency of the Church, to make Bishop Egan a member of the Stake High Council and to install in the Los Altos Ward a new bishopric. The congregation sustained the new bishopric: Gerald Sharp, bishop; LeRoy Kratzer, first counselor; and Nyal McMullin, second counselor.

The dedication service included remarks by Gerald Sharp and Dolores Egan, appropriate music, and opening and closing prayers by the two former counselors, Theodore Hopkins and Reed Francis. An attractive illustrated program containing sketches of the building, ward history and organization, and the names of key workers on the building project, was distributed among the congregation.



W. GLENN HARMON, first counselor, Northern California Mission, uses blackboard to make graphic his talk on Tithing as part of Senior Aaronic Priesthood School. At left is President Thomas Gardner, in charge of school in Oakland-Berkeley Stake, and center, is High Councilman Curtis Bybee, one of lecturers at school. New course opens in Richmond Ward Jan. 2, in Oakland Third Ward, Jan. 6.



KITTY KELLEY of Oakland Third Ward is a Cub Scout Den Mother of Distinction. She was presented with a certificate and special service pin for her four years of distinguished service in working with the Cubs of Pack 72. She was also presented with a gold compact as a special award for her outstanding service in Cub work and is the first in the Oakland Council to have received such an outstanding-service award. She was honored for giving special training to other den mothers for two years, which exemplifies the type of service she has contributed to hundreds of boys in the Oakland area. In addition to this work she has been teaching and serving as counselor in the Primary.

Sunnyvale Ward

Bishop Heads State Group

Another Latter-day Saint first has been scored by Bishop J. Beck of Sunnyvale Ward. He is believed to be the first Mormon to occupy the position of president of the California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance. Bishop Beck presided at a CAS-CWA banquet at the Rice bowl in Los Angeles, which was attended by more than 1000 educators and school executives.

As president, Bishop Beck stayed in a suite at the Hotel Statler furnished by the association during the four day conference.

Schools for Senior Aaronics Vital Factor in Church Growth

One of the most dynamic phases of the modern Latter-day Saints Church—the Senior Aaronic Priesthood School—is being developed in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake and other stakes of the Bay Area.

Started some two years ago in an Idaho stake, the program has spread throughout the Church and, in the words of President Thomas Gardner, stake director of the program, "is proving to be a magnetic force for bringing inactive members into full Church activity and making them happier and more successful persons."

Weekly classes were held in the Richmond and Oakland Third Ward chapels, climaxed by graduation exercises for 35 male members and some of their wives in the Berkeley Chapel December 1. Leading up to this dramatic service, class members had heard a series of 24 lectures on the history of the Church and fundamental doctrines.

HEARD ON the graduation program were President Delbert H. Rock; High Councilman Denzel L. Allen, co-chairman for the stake; Merrill R. Hanson; Minerva Bailey and President W. Glenn Harmon, first counselor, Northern California Mission, who gave some of the lectures. President Gardner gave the address to the graduates.

The lectures are designed to give a quick, but reasonably thorough look at the Church, its theology, history, practices and development. "Actually, it would be a good refresher course for anyone in the Church," said High Councilman Allen.

THE COURSE of study, typical of others throughout the area and the Church, and the lectures, included:

Do we need religion, Victor Lindblad.

The religion we need is the one which Christ established, Curtis Bybee.

How Christ's Church was lost through apostasy, George Strebel.

How the reformation failed to restore Christ's Church, William T. Hicken.

The restoration, Hicken.

The Book of Mormon, Merlin

Shaw.

The meaning and importance of baptism in the Restored Church, Hicken.

The missionary system which proclaims the restoration, Thomas Gardner.

The Ohio period and the Kirkland Temple, George Strebel.

The Church learns about the three degrees of glory, Hicken.

The Church learns about Zion, W. Glenn Harmon.

The Church learns about the constitution of the United States Strebel.

The persecution of the Church, Curtis Bybee.

The Church moves to Utah, Strebel.

What is meant by a testimony of the gospel, Victor Lindblad.

Why we must save our own dead, David W. Cummings.

The standard works of the Church, Spencer Palmer.

Proper observance of the Sabbath Day, Bybee.

The Church belief in prayer, Lindblad.

The Church doctrine of Temple marriage, Harmon.

The Word of Wisdom, Bybee.

The Law of Tithing, Harmon.

Responsibilities and opportunities of LDS women, Ruth Hilton.

Responsibilities and opportunities of LDS men, Angus Norberg.

A SECOND COURSE, with the same series of lectures, will start January 2 at the Richmond Ward and January 6 at the Oakland Third Ward, at 7:30 p.m.

"I haven't known anyone who uses tobacco and liquor who didn't wish he had never started," said High Councilman Bybee, and Oakland real estate broker, in starting his lecture about the Word of Wisdom.

During the second half of that same one and a half hour program President Harmon told how the

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Schedule, Calendar For L.A. Temple

Bay Area Latter-day Saints are informed of the Los Angeles Temple schedule and calendar by A. Bent Peterson, chief recorder.

The Temple will be closed every Monday and there will be the usual summer and year-end closing, in addition to a few holidays. The full schedule, as listed by the chief recorder, includes:

ENDOWMENT: Names issued 45 minutes prior to sessions.

SESSIONS; 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Living endowments, marriages and sealings at 8 a.m. only

SPECIAL SESSION: Dec. 27, 1958, 9 a.m.

BAPTISMS; By stake appointment only.

SEALINGS; By stake appointment only.

CALENDAR: Closes for the summer June 28, re-opens, August 5.

Closes for conference, April 4 and 5, October 3 and 4.

Closes for the year, December 20, 1958, re-opens January 3, 1959.

HOLIDAYS: February 22, May 30, November 27 and 28.

Farewell For Elder Smith On January 5

Central States Mission will be the field of labor for Elder Charles Thomas Smith who received his call from President David O. McKay early this month. He will report to the Mission home in Salt Lake City January 8, 1958.

Elder Smith has always lived in Hayward and later Castro Valley wards. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland B. Smith, (known to his friends as Nell and Bob), Elder Smith attended Hayward schools and graduated from Hayward High



CHARLES THOMAS SMITH

school. He is also a graduate of Oakland Junior College where he majored in electronics. A member of the U.S. Naval Reserve, Electronics Unit, he was graduated from the Navy's school of electronics on Treasure Island.

A farewell testimonial has been planned for January 5, 1958 at 7 p.m. in the Hayward Ward Chapel. One of the speakers will be Charles, father whom Charles was privileged to baptize into the Church two years ago. In addition to his parents Charles has a sister, Marjorie, a Castro Valley high school senior, and a brother Kenneth who is 8. Friends are invited to come and wish Charles well. He will be the third full-time missionary to leave from Castro Valley ward within the year.

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Primary Assn. Shows Vitality

By Hazel Natali

Members of Centerville Ward are expressing pride in the Primary Association which is showing vitality and progress. On one recent Wednesday the attendance reached 123, although there was no special party or program that day. There are 208 children enrolled. Primary officers and teachers have been working continuously on an enlistment program.

Officers point out that there is always a need for more cars to transport the children to Primary Wednesday afternoons.

The annual Ward Relief Society Bazaar was held December 13 with its opportunities for buying Christmas gifts. Santa was there for the children and the entire family enjoyed dinner.

The Relief Society is becoming famous for delicious Christmas fruit cakes, which are selling for \$1.25.

The Boy Scout Troop of the ward and their leaders worked hard to clear the lot at the intersection of Fremont and Temple Way, where they sold Christmas trees.

Members of the Sixth Quorum of Elders are looking for a suitable building to house their paper-shredding operation. Anyone with suggestions is asked to notify Ray Bean, Reno Natali or Steven Winter.

Rodeo Ward

Death Claims Vernon Perkins

Vernon Perkins, 46, year old, Texas-born husband of Sister Alice Perkins of El Sobrante, died in a nearby hospital, December 14, following a sudden illness.

Surviving besides his wife, who is a member of the Rodeo Ward, are two daughters, Misses Roberta and Patricia Perkins, of El Sobrante and Mrs. Barbara Verboom of San Pablo.

Mr. Perkins also leaves his father, John Perkins of Grover City, California and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Rodeo Ward Bishop Vernal Horn last Tuesday, Dec. 17 in the San Pablo Chapel of Wilson and Kratzer. Commitment followed at Sunset View Cemetery in El Cerrito, California.

Institute Plan

Booming in South

Greatest growth in the Church's week-day religious education program has been in the larger LDS centers in Southern California. It was set forth in the Church News recently.

In the Southland the part-time institute program now reaches 19 campuses, practically double that of a year ago. On the Bakersfield College campus a Deseret Club has been organized, one of 35 on campuses from Florida to Hawaii.



LEADERS IN HAYWARD STAKE Genealogical Convention, held November 11-15. From left, Hilda Applegate, stake genealogical secretary; Pearl Sparks, stake research director; President Leonard J. Love, of Northern California Mission, principal speaker for one evening session, Mrs. Love, and Edwin B. Maughn, first assistant stake chairman.

Hayward Stake

Inspiring Genealogy Convention Conducted in San Lorenzo Chapel

The Hayward Stake Genealogical Convention, November 11-15, in the beautiful new San Lorenzo chapel set new high standards for inspiration through careful planning and the lofty quality of the instruction given.

Accompanying the sacred nature of the instructions and lectures were musical numbers each session from the best artists of the area, including vocal solos by Elder Russell Heath of San

Leandro, vocal duets by Norma Hartley and Marie Cheney, and by Mr. and Mrs. Rosencranz.

Opening prayers were by A. Gifford Jackson of the stake presidency; Isaac B. Ball, patriarch of Oakland-Berkeley stake; Bishop Glenn C. Rounds, Oakland Second Ward; Bishop Marcel F. Lauper, San Leandro Ward, and Bishop Don L. Smith San Lorenzo Second

Alta Mira Club Has Yule Brunch

The Alta Mira Club of San Leandro, held its annual Christmas Brunch, on December 16.

Always very festive, this year was no exception, for Mrs. Jacob G. Maasdam, Program Chairman, arranged for the Doretta to entertain.

This duo, composed of Doris Wickman, contralto and pianist, and Henrietta Burchman, soprano and actress, are East Bay musical artists. They have studied extensively with teachers of piano and voice and have been heard as soloists for many organizations. Women's Clubs, churches, radio and the theater have only the highest praise for their concerts.

The Christmas tree, a real old fashioned one, was decorated by Mrs. Robert M. Lee, president of Alta Mira and members of the executive board, in time for the bridge sections party on Monday, when holiday fashions were shown and a new record was set for attendance.

Mrs. Earl J. Rock, chairman of the Brunch, was assisted by the Mes. Lloyd Bradford Jr., A. W. Bruner, B. G. Brinkley, J. A. Calitri, E. R. Clement, James Dalziel, Cecil Dilling, H. A. Duey, Lorin E. Fear, J. H. Gilbert, William Green, F. S. Jones, Ralph Kerr, Werner E. Knorr, R. Kattenhorn, L. H. McNeill, E. H. Morjig, A. J. Morris, A. S. Nashman, Allen R. Nie, James Rafferty, A. R. Smith, A. H. Smith, Harry Stone, Jack Troyer, W. G. White, W. Richard Witt and J. Zamerelli.

The Christmas Decor was by Mrs. Tom W. Snedden and the hostesses were the Mes. R. T. Little, G. L. Landis and A. J. Shepherd.

The lectures were by outstanding speakers and authorities and included Eugene Hilton, President Leonard Love of the Northern California Mission and Alfred H. Kopp of San Jose Stake.

Attendance and enthusiasm were high throughout the convention, totaling 144 registrations, and an average of 80 attendance at each session. From the registration proceeds it was possible to purchase a microfilm reading machine for the Hayward stake.

The workshop succeeded in starting many on their books of remembrance.

McCune School Closes Its Doors

The lights are out and the doors are closed in The McCune School of Music and Art in Salt Lake City, which since 1952 has been part of the Brigham Young University.

The school had its beginnings in 1917 and since that time has been respected for the quality of training exhibited by its graduates.

Decision to close the school was made last June by Ernest L. Wilkinson, administrator of the Unified Church School System of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Hayward 2nd Meeting Time To Be 7 P.M.

By Shirley Troub

Starting the first Sunday in January, Sacrament Meeting for the Hayward Second Ward will begin at 7:00 p.m. All other meetings will remain the same.

Les Hosac, Duane Turner and Glen Buckner, the Elders' Quorum Presidency, were released with a vote of thanks. Sustained as the new president was Allen Davis with Hudson Williams remaining as secretary. Counselors are not yet chosen.

It is with regret that the ward bids farewell to the Edward Bruerton family who have been such faithful church workers. Before leaving for their new home in Salt Lake City, Utah, they were feted at a farewell party at the home of Quinn Stokes.

Stake Missionaries from our ward now total seven. The most recent ones receiving missionary calls are Bonnie Hancock, Flora Fausett, Tom Wilson and Sam Tiumalu.

A speedy recovery is wished for Terry Truscott. Terry has been serving as a teacher in the Junior Sunday School.

Basketball season is well under way with games being played each Monday night. The bright smiles on the faces of the players from Hayward Second Ward could be due to the number of games they have been winning.

Congratulations and welcome are extended to Roy and Jo Ray who were recently baptized by the full-time missionaries and are now members of our ward.

We are proud of the young people of our ward who participated in the Road Show recently. Special recognition goes to Douglas Stone who supervised the show, Mary Trout, pianist, and Al Rodriguez, who made all the props. And, most important, was the help and co-operation of everyone who worked in the show to make it a success. We received an excellent rating.

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Church Grows With Area Rise In Population

The growth of the local stakes in the Bay area is keeping pace with a similar growth in the general population of the counties concerned.

A report of the San Francisco Bay Area Council for the fiscal year 1957, ended June 30, 1957, shows a growth of population of the Bay area counties totaling 102,600 in the one year.

The rather static tendency of the Church growth in the wards of San Francisco Stake is reflected in the fact that San Francisco County lost 7100 in population in the last year. But its numbers still are tops in the area, namely 776,000.

The great growth in the wards in the Peninsula section is also reflected in the general population growth in that general area. For instance, Santa Clara County accounted for over half of the total growth of the entire Bay Area in numbers, its rate being 10.6 per cent. In numbers San Mateo County was second with 20,500 new residents. Marion County did not show so many in numbers but in percentage she exceeded San Mateo County, having a 6.4 per cent increase of population in 1957.

The East Bay takes second place to the West Bay area in population growth in 1957. Contra Costa County, with 11,000 persons and a 2 per cent growth, led Alameda County with an increase of 1.4 per cent.

The East Bay growth in Contra Costa is shown particularly in the Concord-Walnut Creek and the new here that the greatest growth in Church population is being recorded.

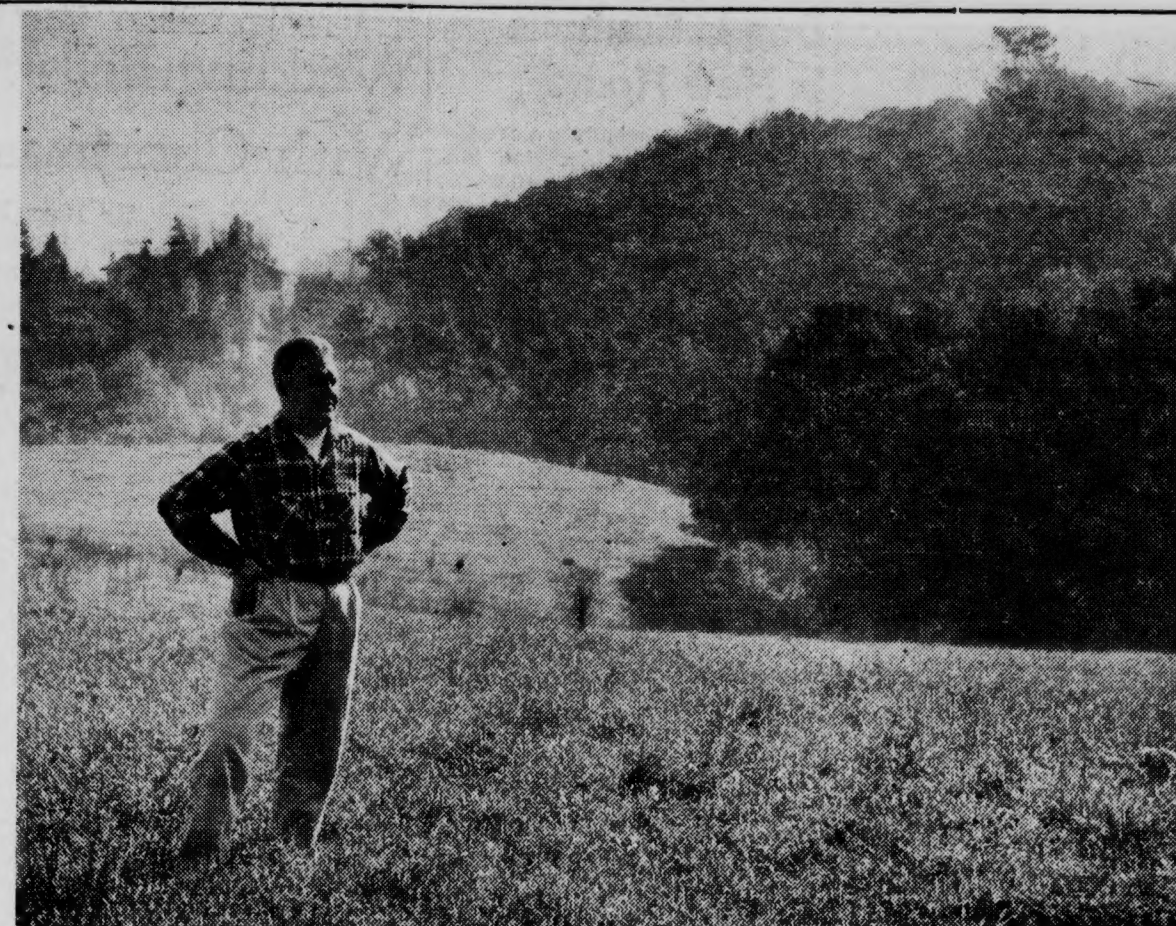
Richmond Ward

Tree Sale Aids Building Fund

Latter-day Saints and others in the Richmond-El Cerrito area found it easy to get high-quality Christmas trees at the old Welfare Center, Mooser Lane and San Pablo Ave. Richmond Ward's Eighth Quorum of Elders sold the trees, including big ones for schools, chapels and public buildings, as a fund-raising project for the ward building fund.

At Christmas programs December 22 thanks was expressed to members of the various congregations who bought their trees at the lot.

"This has been an annual fund-raising project in the East Richmond Ward for several years and since the recent merger is an activity for Richmond Ward," said Elder Stanley Ruggles, Elders' Quorum President Joseph Giovannini, Elder Thomas Young and all members of the Richmond Ward cooperated in the venture.



WHAT IS IT?—Bishop William R. Callister of the Redwood City ward surveys the four-acre site being purchased by the ward. His quizzical expression possibly is occasioned by the fact that the exact use of the land has not as yet been determined. Originally, he was commissioned to find property for a stake center for Palo Alto stake. The division of the stake eliminated the necessity, and the bishop found his ward in San Mateo stake. However, still searching, he did find a choice location situated in the wooded hills above Redwood city, the property has received Church approval, and Redwood City ward will purchase it. The question seems to be, for what purpose? The Redwood City chapel is practically brand new, being dedicated less than two years ago. But you don't buy property just to look at, and ward members are hunching for the blow. Are they facing the prospect of another three-year period of toil, dinners, donations, shows, dinners, work projects, assessment and dinner in the near future? Nobody knows. At least, nobody is telling.

(Photo: Gay Taylor, 1954 Stockridge ave., Redwood City, California).

Castro Valley Ward

Quorum Profile of the Month Elder Smith Called on Mission

By Gay Taylor

"Quorum Quotes" Profile of the Month

Elder Charles Thomas Smith is not new to Castro Valley or Hayward Wards, where, at the age of two, he walked out of Sunday School (then meeting in the Masonic Hall on B Street) and was promptly picked up by the police. After driving around in a patrol car until he was able to identify his mother, he made his decision to abandon a life of crime and wanderlust, when he was compelled by his mother to return the comic book he had pilfered from a newspaper stand he had passed while on his adventure.

Apart from the usual bouts with mumps, measles, whooping cough, poison oak and the like, his life proceeded serenely until he met up with a cat's whisker! It was his first real love, not puppy love, (or should that be kitten love), for the infatuation has become a fascination. Of course it has developed from a whisker to an electronic technician's certificate.

CHARLES was born in San Jose but came to the Hayward area when he was two. He is a graduate of Hayward High school and Oakland Junior College, and he successfully completed a six month's course on electronics in the U. C. Navy school at Treasure Island. He has an Amateur Radio license, (class A) from the Federal Communications Commission, three years in the Naval Reserve, he has earned the rank of ETR3. His hobby is building radios, repairing radios, talking on radios, talking about radios and listening to radios!

A member of Hayward and then Castro Valley wards, he has held various positions in Aaronic priesthood work and while working summers in the California State Forestry Service he was active in the Yreka branch.

On November 23, Charles received a letter from President David O. McKay calling him to serve as a missionary for the church in the Central States Mission. This is the realization of a dream which he has worked toward all of his short life. He has a good testimony of the Gospel and we know that it will

Welcoming Hand To New Members

The hand of welcome was extended in a great big way at the Redwood City ward, when a squad of eighteen, led by the bishop, went forth in pairs to greet new members of the ward.

The group foray was necessitated grow and be strengthened while he is laboring for the advancement of God's kingdom here on earth.

ABOUT TWO YEARS ago Charles was privileged to baptize his father, Rowland E. (Bob) into the Church. In addition to his Dad there will be his mother, Nell, his sister, Marjorie, a high school senior, and his eight year old brother Kenneth waiting to welcome him home at the conclusion of his labors for the Lord.

"And now, my son, I trust that I shall have great joy in you, because of your steadiness and your faithfulness unto God; for as you have commenced in your youth to look to the Lord your God, even so I hope that you will continue in keeping his commandments; for blessed is he that endureth to the end."

A farewell testimonial for Elder Smith will be held on January 5 at 7 p.m. in the Hayward Chapel, 1000 Second Street, Hayward.

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Golden Gleaners Hold Yule Party

Golden Gleaners of the Oakland-Berkeley and Hayward stakes held a Christmas party December 9 at the home of Lee and Armis Ashby.

A record-breaking number, 34, attended, including four honorary Golden Gleaners, Flora Sears, Ruth Hilton and Trieste Hall, of Oakland-Berkeley Stake, and Sister Stewart of Hayward Stake.

The program included a vocal solo, "Jesu Bambino," by Ruth Wilson; a reading, "The Littlest Angel," by Deane Sutherland, with musical background by Beverly Merrill, and a piano solo, "Romance," (Sibelius), by Marjorie Remington.

The girls then enjoyed carol singing and exchanged gifts which they had made. A buffet supper was served.

During the evening the Golden Gleaner Chorus made a recording of "For Time and Eternity," an original number written by two of the members, music by Marjorie Remington and words by Lee Ashby.

by the fact that Zion, at least in the Redwood City area, is growing faster than the normal machinery for handling it could cope with. As a result, records for some 20 families had accumulated to which a personal call at the home had not been made. To cope with the emergency the priesthood members were assembled, deputized, and, as representatives of the bishopric, sailed forth with hand extended in greeting.

Results? "Excellent," reported William D. Brew of the bishopric, "All families except one were contacted, and all were willing to receive visits of the ward teachers in the future."

Members of the one-night greeting committee were, Bishop William R. Callister, Evan J. Marsh, J. Fay F. Jones, John W. Wise, Robert E. Enger, First Counselor William D. Brew, Winslow Farr, William C. Moore, E. G. Brown, C. T. Ross, George W. Rose, A. D. Bushnell, Second Counselor Russell D. Rock, Donald G. Baker, Charles Kluth, Wallace V. Green, Park Johnston, and Joe Budro.

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Senior Aaronic School To Open

Walnut Creek Stake will start a third Senior Aaronic School January 9 in the Martinez Ward Chapel following completion of the second successful school.

Fourteen classes will be conducted in the third school and attendance at 12 is required for graduation, it was announced by J. W. Brown of Walnut Creek, chairman of the Stake Senior Aaronic Committee.

FORTY-FOUR men and women were graduated from the second school, climaxed by stirring graduation exercises and addresses by stake authorities.

At the mid-session social, held in the Pittsburg Ward Chapel, 95 persons participated. High Councilman Thomas S. Ferguson, noted archaeologist and lecturer, gave a talk on Book of Mormon findings in Central America, illustrated with colored slides.

Music was provided by Larry and Loretta Young of the Concord Ward. Loretta as soloist, accompanied by Larry on the piano. Special guests were the Walnut Creek Stake Presidency and Bishops of the eight wards comprising the stake.

Graduates of the second session include:

CONCORD WARD—James Beal, Gwen Beal, T. R. Hart, Jr., Marian J. Hart, Bill Masek, Betty Masek, Norma Nausin, Leonard Wenger, Marjorie Wenger, Virgil W. Young, Arvilla Young.

MARTINEZ WARD—James A. Ellis, Esther T. Ellis, Martin A. Gardner, Vivian M. Gardner.

RODEO WARD—Lyndford Ries, Marie Ries.

PLEASANT HILL WARD—Clifton J. Buchanan, John Roll, Nils R. Swanson, Louise Swanson.

CONCORD SECOND WARD—James Black, Twyla Black, Angiolina Ferrari, Ervin C. Jarvis, Virgil W. Kennon, Tess Kennon, Raymond Michael, Billie Michael, Noel Shadoan, Frances Shadoan, Cecil R. Short, Donna J. Short, Flora

Don Woods Hosts Family Reunion

The Don C. Wood family had a family gathering, at least in part, at Christmas time. Their son David and his wife June spent the Christmas week in Berkeley. Carol Wood Davis, a niece, and her husband Ray will spend the New Years week with the Wood family. These guests are from West Virginia.

Don and Annetta plan to fly to Idaho Falls and to Salt Lake where they will combine business with a visit with relatives, following Christmas.

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Don L. Kimballs In New Home

The Don L. Kimballs are comfortably situated in their new hillside view home in the residential section of El Cerrito, a real show-place they completed about five months ago.

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The Kimballs planned the entire project with their own architect and watched its growth from the beginning. Sister Kimball has a flair for tasteful architectural design and landscaping gardening, a talent she shares with Brother Kimball.

Don L. is nicely recovering from two major operations within the past six months.

John Reed Should Know—

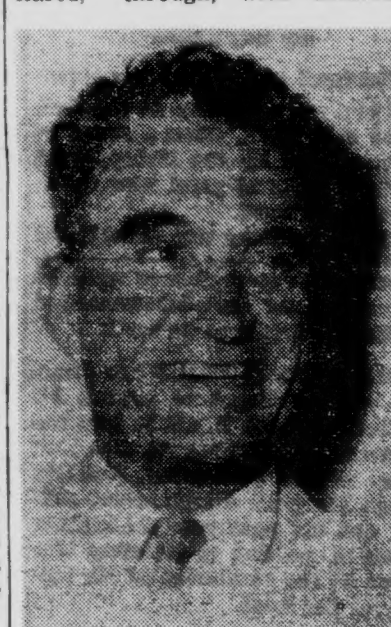
Building of Chapels Develops Both Patience and Testimony

By Dallas S. Burch

Building L.D.S. chapels, especially when much donated labor is involved, is an excellent test of one's patience—but it also develops patience.

A modest exponent of these views is John Reed, construction superintendent of the Los Altos Chapel, recently completed; but "Bill" Robertson, work director of the ward's labor crews expressed the same viewpoint vividly during the dedication exercises.

His impromptu remarks are here somewhat toned down for publication. "Not once did John Reed lose his temper or patience during the 16 months of building operations," Robertson declared, "through, with amateur



JOHN REED

workmen usually outnumbering the skilled ones, he had ample cause many times."

When asked how the building of chapels differs from usual contract work by commercial builders, Reed explained that the varying quantity of labor as well as the greater range in their skills was the principal difference. "One must plan the work so that it will go forward whether three or 30 volunteer workers report for duty." And with a smile he added, "One must also learn to hold his tongue."

Continuing, he said earnestly, "But the most truly rewarding part of this work is observing how it helps to influence the volunteer workers spiritually. I have seen it reactivate many members and help to make converts of others who offered their services. Even among active members of the Church, working together on a chapel seems to foster a closer brotherhood. Such observations have strengthened my own testimony."

Chapels already completed under John Reed's supervision are at Mesa, Ariz. and at Brentwood, Turlock, and Los Altos Calif. The fifth chapel, recently begun for the Sunnyvale Ward, will be an unusually large one, in excess of 21,000 square feet of enclosed space. Among its features are a baptismal font and a recreation hall large enough for basketball games.

Though still in his forties, John Reed appears to have held most of the positions that ward members commonly occupy and, in addition, has rendered conspicuous service as a builder of chapels.

Wedding Bells Mingle With Christmas Chimes

By Dora Friedrich

Gaily wrapped presents poking out from under a Christmas tree, whispered secrets, excited children—these are some of the memories of childhood cherished for a lifetime.

A bright and shining star telling of the birth of a Saviour, and the sounds of sweetly sung carols and chiming bells—all are a part of the spiritual music of Christmas.

... And now, for one of the most-loved gals in Walnut Creek Stake, wedding bells will join the sounds of Yuletide bells on Jan. 1. With Bishop Von Nielsen officiating, Ione Buskirk will become the bride of Frank Brown in afternoon ceremonies. Alma Dean Feller will be matron of honor... Herb Macey, best man.

Ione was honored at a Dec. 21 open-house and shower hosted by Velda Coffin, and at an early December dinner party, where friends gathered at the home of Margene Williams to extend best wishes.

Then, for the Primary, Santa Claus (nee Paul Oram) appeared with gifts at a party and program held on Friday eve, Dec. 20. A highlight of the program was the appearance of the new Primary Chorus... their selections winning plaudits from parents and youngsters alike.

THE CHRISTMAS spirit, both spiritual and joyful, was everywhere in Pleasant Hill Ward activities. The Sunday School and Sacrament meetings on Dec. 22 featured beautiful songs and pageantry to tell of the birth of the Christ child.

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On the Monday eve before Christmas—mothers and dads joined in Ward Christmas party festivities.

Teenagers had their turn on Christmas Day, at a gala dance at the Concord Recreation Hall—and all 16 years of age and over are looking forward to the New Year's Eve dance and midnight supper... this will have the Pleasant Hill Ward Recreation Hall as the setting.

Bruce modestly says: "This class has only been organized since September, but it is now recognized as one of the finest in the state."

And so, accolades to Louise for her work.

San Leandran On Winning 'Y' Team

John Duke, former grid star from the San Leandro high school, and son of the M. H. Dukes of San Leandro Ward, has made a name for himself on the undefeated frosh team at the Brigham Young University this year. The success of the team has taken them to the top position as the championship frosh team of the state of Utah.

One of their last games is typical of the scoring power of the freshman team from the "Y"; they won over the University of Utah frosh by a score of 42-0. At another game with Utah State team they romped to a 46-7 victory.

Bishop Von Nielsen, his counselors Bill Matthews and Clarence Curtis extend their wishes for spiritual blessings throughout the new year.

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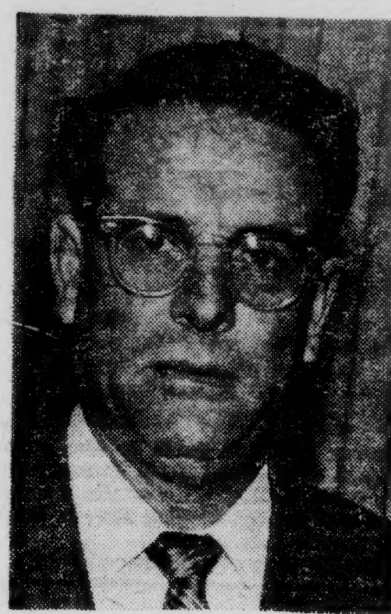
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Bishop Lyle Egan Named To Stake High Council

By action of the Palo Alto Stake Presidency and High Council and a sustaining vote from the Los Altos Ward, Bishop Lyle B. Egan was released, December 1, from his responsibilities as bishop of that ward and made a member of the Stake High Council. In that body he will be chairman of the finance and audit committee and a member of the Aaronic priesthood committee. In addition he will participate in placement and related employment aspects of the welfare program.

Bishop Egan's leadership in the Los Altos, Mountain



LYLE EGAN

Men at Work on Big New Chapel At Sunnyvale

By Fay Seal

Bishop Beck has called and set apart labor missionaries to work on the Sunnyvale chapel to serve in the same fashion as stake missionaries until the completion of the chapel in about 18 months. They are to work under John Reed who is the full time construction supervisor. Several of the men will act as supervisors during the evening working hours in charge of all voluntary work by ward members who are building the chapel. So far 20 men have been called.

Work is progressing nicely with half the foundations now in place. Sunnyvale Ward is badly in need of a new home, as ward membership is now over 1100 and growing every week. The new chapel is the biggest L.D.S. building program in the bay area aside from the temple site projects. When completed it will serve for many Palo Alto stake functions such as stake conference.

Several money raising projects are under way. Two rummage sales held in downtown Sunnyvale netted \$600. More recently, a successful fund raising dinner was given. A really enjoyable evening was had by ward members with before dinner dancing to live country music led by Brother John Tolson.

Following a delicious dinner the award winning road show was presented by the M.I.A. An Irish raffle was staged by Brother Ted Brush which raised \$204.00 on a friendship block quilt containing 310 blocks embroidered with names of ward members. Each name block had been previously sold for \$1.00. This beautiful quilt had been made by Relief Society sisters under the watchful eye of Sister Ava Gilmore. It was afterward presented to former Bishop Louis E. Ward and Sister Ward in appreciation of their devoted service. Bishop Ward promised that he and his counselors would come to the chapel dedication draped in the quilt if the fund raising projects made it necessary.

Those men called as labor missionaries are Ray Herman Combs, Richard H. Van Leuven, J. Boyd Seal, Fred A. McKell, Allen F. Price, Eugene B. Cowlishaw, Goodwin S. Rogness, Jr., Lawrence C. Conour, Wilford D. Morgan and Ronald Hardy.



SHOWING HOW IT'S DONE—Assembled for their first meeting, ward and stake publicity directors of San Mateo Stake are instructed in pictures and stories for newspapers. They are, from left, Robert J. Mahany, Primary; Fay Stoker, San Mateo Ward; Stanley S. Gibb, chairman Stake Publicity Committee; Naama the stake are, Agnes Joan Babcock, Sharp Park branch; James I. Taylor, Burlingame ward; and Betty Wells, San Carlos ward.—(Photo: Gay Taylor, 1954 Stockbridge ave., Redwood City).

Los Altos Ward

Educational Experiments Defended

Writing in the school section of the Los Altos News, issue of December 5, Arden Hill, an Elder in the Los Altos Ward, defends "Oscillation in Educational Theories." After citing criticisms of more than 100 years ago directed at methods of teaching, Elder Hill reviews developments in educational theory that have swung back and forth like a pendulum, though not traversing exactly the same path.

One mode of education mentioned in his article is described by an early critic as enabling people to seem learned through having acquired extensive academic knowledge which they are unable to apply. Another system has placed emphasis in learning by doing; although somewhat successful, this system has serious limitations in the crowded schools of today.

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Schools For

(continued from page 1)

Law of Tithing overcomes man's tendency to put money above everything else. He told a moving story of a personal experience involving his father's counsel and of the blessings that result from tithing.

On a number of occasions President Gardner and other leaders involved a short personal testimony to enrich the regular lecture.

AMELIA GARDNER, wife of President Gardner, attended the sessions, greeted the arriving members and passed out attendance slips. Members were asked to evaluate the course in writing and to fulfill basic assignments such as attending Sacrament and Priesthood meetings.

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Funeral For Mrs. Mitchell

Mrs. Elaine E. Mitchell, a native of Utah and a Stake missionary in the Los Altos Ward, died December 6, after a long period of failing health. Funeral services were in the Spangler Mortuary Chapel, Los Altos, December 11, with Bishop Gerald Sharp officiating. Interment was in the Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto.

Mrs. Mitchell was born in 1901 in Ogden, Utah and was reared there, though later attending the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Since 1940 she has been a resident of Los Altos, Calif.

Participants in the funeral service, besides Bishop Sharp, were: Reed Bailey, Theodore Hopkins, Lyle Egan, and Leland Jorgensen—all of whom paid tribute to her memory. Vocal music was by Shirley Behrmann and Marilyn Sharp. Mrs. Mitchell is survived by her husband, a daughter, son, sister, and three grandchildren.

Teachers of Physics Gather at BYU

Principals and physics teachers from 12 secondary schools in Utah met recently at Brigham Young University for orientation on a special research project in visual education.

According to officials guiding the experiment, it was concerned with the effectiveness of teaching a complete physics course by film on the senior high school level.

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Palo Alto Stake's Conference Inspires

By Dallas S. Burch

Spirituality, increased knowledge, enthusiasm, all flavored with human-interest anecdotes and spiced with a little humor—these were the principal fruits of the Palo Alto Stake Quarterly Conference held November 30 and December 1. Three high officials from Salt Lake City were in attendance, Adam S. Bennion, Alfred W. Uhrhan, and Preston Nibley.

In his principal address of Twelve, recalled experiences in the mission field and elsewhere, which showed the desirability that Latter-day Saints be prepared to answer questions concerning their religion, its doctrines, and its influence.

As an example he used the question, "What has the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints contributed to America that it did not previously have?" This challenging question had been raised at a religious discussion in a prominent university and Elder Bennion's forthright answers had been highly revealing to his audience, which included representatives of various other faiths.

AMONG THE SPECIFIC contributions cited by Elder Bennion then and now repeated for his conference audience were, The Church welfare plan, its modern Scriptures, and its powerful religious pioneering influence in the development of the West, paralleling that of the Pilgrims in New England during colonial times. As a subsequent session of the conference he added a score of other contributions to the national welfare.

The first session of the conference was held in the Palo Alto

Ward Chapel, as a priesthood meeting, with an estimated attendance of about 400. It comprised music by a male chorus, three five minute talks of testimony character by priesthood members of whom two were converts, and addresses by Stake President David Haight and Elder Bennion.

President Haight's talk dealt mainly with the growth of the Church in the Bay area and particularly with its increasing influence in communities within the State's boundaries. He commented on the missionary system and paid tribute to the energy and devotion of those laboring in that field.

ELDER BENNION, drawing on his own missionary and educational experience, continued the discussion and entertained and instructed the priesthood with accounts of personal incidents in spreading the gospel and helping others to live it. As one problem encountered in missionary work he mentioned the heckling of speakers in open-air meetings, such as in Hyde Park, London.

He pointed out the value, to missionaries, of having a good knowledge of the history of the country in which one labors. Such knowledge is useful as a basis for understanding customs and traditions and sometimes is helpful in framing effective replies to persons who seek to interrupt. Several incidents, relating to the word of wisdom and speech habits, had a salty flavor.

The conference sessions on the following day, Sunday, were in the Los Altos Ward Chapel, which was dedicated the same evening. A congregation exceeding 1,200, chiefly from the Stake's five wards filled every seat and overflowed into adjoining areas served by a public address system. Visitors from other stakes were also present.

STAKE PRESIDENT David Haight declared that the Church is on the march and commended his counselors, high-council members, and the auxiliary organizations for their effective leadership. He discussed their influence in teaching the gospel in uniting members for willing service, and strengthening the missionary system.

Preston Nibley, assistant Church historian, stated that the Church now has some 50 stakes and about 2,000 wards; also that there are 45 missions and a Church membership in excess of 1,400,000. He told of the growing collection of early records, some of which are priceless Book-of-Mormon writings. He acquainted his listeners with problems of preserving old documents and in interpreting early writings that often lacked any punctuation.

TWO YOUTH SPEAKERS bore their testimony on the influence of the Church in enriching their lives, after which Elder Bennion reported on results of the Church's varied programs. The combined voices of the wards furnished music.

The afternoon session of the conference dealt with additional reports and some business matters. Alfred W. Uhrhan, of the Church welfare committee, told of developments in that field and its diversified resources, especially as they relate to food products—grain in some areas, fruits and vegetables in the region of the Palo Alto Stake, fish farther south in the vicinity of San Diego. These are but a few examples, giving assurance that no worthy Latter-day Saint need suffer privation.

Other effective speakers were Stake counselors Lund Johnson and Richard Sonne, and Isaac Stewart, a new member of the Stake High Council. The atmosphere of the conference was charged with enthusiasm, brotherhood, and desire to share the rich rewards of membership in the Church with others.

San Leandro Ward

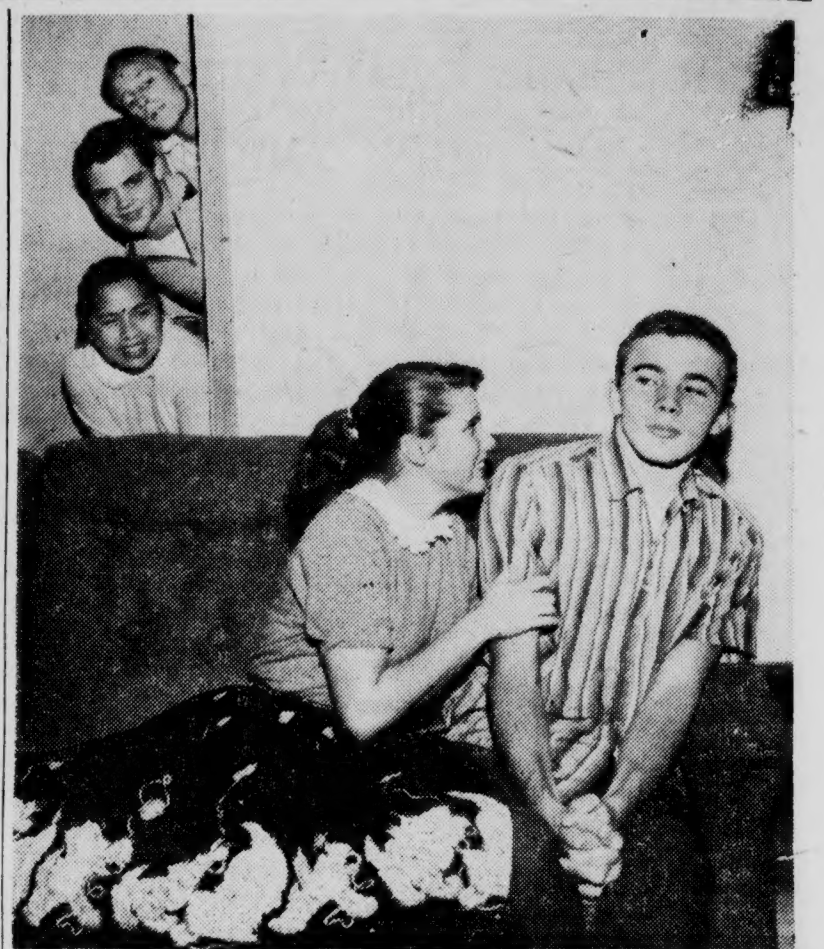
Sunday School Now Reorganized With Robert Bundy Superintendent
By Marilyn Nelson

San Leandro ward Sunday School has been reorganized. With the release of Clarke Murphy, who has worked long and faithfully, Robert Bundy was sustained as Superintendent. Russell Heath as first assistant with Allison DeFrance, second assistant.

Our Special Interest class in MIA is still growing, with Wilford T. Nelson as teacher. The well-organized class is studying "Doctrines of Salvation" Book 2.

Susan McAllister is recovering. She is staying with an Aunt in Salt Lake City. She is a student at the BYU.

Effective from December 1, there is a change of ward meeting schedules: Priesthood meetings at 3:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Services at 6 p.m. Our ward Christmas program (continued on page 16)



"ITCHIN' TO GET HITCHED"—Trying out for parts in the stage comedy to be produced by the Redwood City Ward MIA, January 29, are Joan Hutchings as the aggressive maid, LeRoy Cluff as the bashful swain, and, as interested members of the family, Rubina Rivers, Dick Ware, and Todd Weaver.

—(Photo: Gay Taylor, 1954 Stockbridge ave., Redwood City).

Redwood City Ward

Play, Skits, Free Refreshments Blackouts at Jubilee January 29

A one-act farce comedy, several skits and blackouts and a minstrel show comprise the program of the Redwood City ward January Jubilee, scheduled the evening of January 29.

Just in case that isn't enough, there will be free refreshments.

The play, "Itchin' to be Hitched," concerns the plight of

Don Van Noy, a hillbilly girl who, being 15 years of age, faces the horror of becoming an old maid. Her scheme to emmesh Hank, her rustic boy friend, in matrimony, comprises the action of the show.

Linda Saunders plays Pearly Mae with Dick Ware as Hank. Others of Pearly Mae's family are Pa Todd Weaver; Ma, Rubina Rivers; Uncle Fud, Donald Snowden, and Clem, Jim Jones. The marryin' preacher of the hills is played by Joan Hutchings.

Skits and blackouts include, "No Connection," with Sandy Thomas, LeRoy Cluff, and John Whitted; "Lover's Errand," with Ken Williams, and Diane Johnson; "Meticulous Customer," with Stanley Hill, Lynn Enger, and Patty Wallwork; "Ant and Grasshopper," with Lynn Enger, Judy Alsop, Sue Woolley, Danny Lowe and Stanley Hill; and "The Lower is Higher," with Allan Cassell and Dan Lowe.

The minstrel show will feature Jackie Murdock, the Beehive teacher, and the following girls: Pam Murdock, Gay Williams, Linda Johnson, Judy Marshall, Carl Truman, Sara Taylor, Malene Wal-kup, Barbara Wise, Vida Lowe, Andrea Bowman and Jill Thomas.

Gerry Johnston is in charge of the program, with Pearl Wilson directing the minstrel and Gay Taylor directing the play and skits.

Utah Warden Studies California Prisons

Marcell Graham, warden of the Utah State penitentiary at the Point of the Mountain, Salt Lake County, spent a period of several months making a comprehensive survey of the California prison system, according to a report by a cousin of the warden, Mrs. Mae Berge, of Coalina, a relative of the I. B. Balls, who has been visiting in Berkeley.

This stay of Warden Graham's was arranged in an official agreement between Gov. Clyde of Utah and Gov. Knight of California.

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Carol Croshaw, S. D. Griffin, Wed In Temple

Carol A. Croshaw, daughter of Fred and Eva Croshaw, active in the Los Altos Ward and Palo Alto Stake, married Spencer D. Griffin of Providence, Utah, December 19 in the Logan Temple. Carol, after graduating from Mountain View High School, attended Brigham Young University two years and then entered Utah State University at Logan, where she has been a student during the current school year. Her special educational interests have been sociology, human development, and kindergarten teaching. The young couple met at the "Y".

Her husband, now a senior at Utah State University, has fulfilled a mission and is the son of an educator. His own interests center in the field of education and he plans to continue his university studies at least until graduation next spring. The couple will live in Logan.



MRS. SPENCER GRIFFIN

San Mateo Stake

Herbert Peters Funeral is Held

Herbert George Peters, 48, of 1155 Clark Ave., San Bruno, died Tuesday, December 3, in Mills Memorial Hospital, San Mateo, after a lingering illness.

A native of Salt Lake City, Elder Peters received his education in that city and in Bountiful, Utah. He entered the military service in April, 1942, and was honorably discharged in September, 1945. After his war service he started working for the Sunshine Biscuit Co. and was still in that firm's employ at the time of his death.

He married Oleta Bricker in 1942 and they moved to San Bruno some seven years ago. Elder Peters was a successful stake missionary and an active member of his Seventies quorum.

He is survived by his wife, Oleta Marie Bricker Peters, and one brother, William Peters, of Bountiful, Utah.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 6, at the Burlingame Ward Chapel, under direction of Elder Gordon M. Low, a member of the Burlingame Ward bishopric. Among those who paid tribute to Brother Peters was President Melvin P. Pickering of the San Mateo Stake. Interment was in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Colonial Mortuary of Crosby-N. Gray and Co., Burlingame, with Elder Keith R. Gaisford acting as funeral director.

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LOOKING TOWARD a bright future for the new San Mateo Stake Relief Society are, left to right (front row) President Beryl Warner and Secretary Inez Suhlsen; (back row) Second Counselor Naomi Bodily and First Counselor Thelma Howard.

San Mateo Stake

58 Years of Experience on Relief Society Board

Fifty eight years of Relief Society service represents the qualifications of the new San Mateo Stake Relief Society Presidency. Although the experiences of the officers are many and varied, they share one thing in common—each has served as the FIRST PRESIDENT of a newly organized ward.

President Warner was born in Mapleton, Utah, one of ten children of Charles and Olive Whiting. She obtained her education in Springville, Utah. On June 20, 1935 she married Clifford Warner in the Salt Lake temple. They have four children; Terry is serving a mission in England, Carolyn works in an office in Washington, Joel is a twelve year old student and Christine just celebrated her fifth birthday.

ASIDE FROM an enviable record of teaching and singing in various auxiliaries, President Warner has served 15 years in the Relief Society as first and second Counselor, five years as stake theology leader; ward theology, literature and work meeting leader, and was the FIRST PRESIDENT of the San Carlos Ward. Her spirituality and compassion have touched the hearts and enriched the lives of many.

Counselor Thelma Howard was one of eleven children born to Chester and Ellen Green of Tremonton, Utah. After graduating from Bear River High and the Ogden School of Beauty Culture, she worked as a beautician in Ogden, Utah. Her marriage to Burton Howard October 15, 1942 has been blessed with three red headed boys.

San Mateo Second

Senator Dolwig, Other Speakers, Promote Special Interest Class

MIA Special Interest classes have such a habit of melting away that not many leaders would have the courage to invite a state senator to address the group. But Robert Coulombe of the San Mateo Second Ward has built up such a loyal following that he did invite the senator, and a crowd of nearly 100 people were on hand for the evening's discussion.

State Senator Richard Dolwig, speaking on the U.S. Senate Committee's report of juvenile delinquency, fulfilled the promise of another profitable evening.

Coulombe has built his class by giving the people of his ward something they can't get by sitting at home with the TV. For three evenings of the month, the time is devoted to the regular lesson course Jesus the Christ.

On the fourth week, the meeting is concerned with community problems.

A month ago, Elder John Cassell of the San Mateo county Sheriff's force spoke on the narcotics problem of the area. Other programs have featured motion pictures on community problems. The people, knowing the evening will be profitable, respond. Knowing the people will respond gives the leader confidence to schedule a good program.

"Churches, social agencies, service clubs, and parents must coordinate and pull together to create a favorable environment to keep youth from becoming delinquent," said Senator Dolwig, who has been on senatorial committees concerned with youth welfare since 1948. Once the youth has strayed, society is faced with two problems: protecting itself from the anti-social youngster, and second, rehabilitating him. Much progress has been made in this direction, but much remains to be done.

After a lively discussion, the crowd went home, taking away something of value, looking forward to the next meeting.

Two-Stake Directory To Be Published Soon

A two-stake directory, containing names, addresses and phone numbers of all members of Palo Alto and San Mateo stakes, is scheduled to be issued January 15th.

The directory, prepared under the direction of the two stake presidencies, has been under the personal supervision of Bishop Keith E. Garner of Menlo Park ward. Bishop Garner, in fact, got the original idea for a stake directory in this area several years ago while visiting in Sacramento. Although many stakes have a directory of officers, he planned and carried through an edition which contained names of all LDS members within the stake. This directory appeared in 1954.

THE DIRECTORY is a biannual, and goes in to the homes of all members for their use and convenience. The one in preparation is the third one which Bishop Garner has supervised. As to costs, "We make a profit," Bishop Garner stated. "Last time, the directory cost us \$2,500, and we raised \$3,000 through the sale of advertising and contributions received."

Formerly it was the practice to send the directory to all members with the suggestion that a donation of \$1 be returned. With the new directory, copies will be issued to the bishops of the various wards for distribution.

BISHOP GARNER anticipates about the same returns as the previous directory. "Though we certainly don't do it for the money," he emphasized, "it is a service to the members of the area."

A sampling of opinion finds a hearty appreciation for the value of the service. In most LDS homes, the stake directory becomes treasured before the next one is issued.

"We want to keep it a two-stake directory, now that the original Palo Alto stake has been divided," the bishop said, "to help preserve the warm feeling of members in the Peninsula area."

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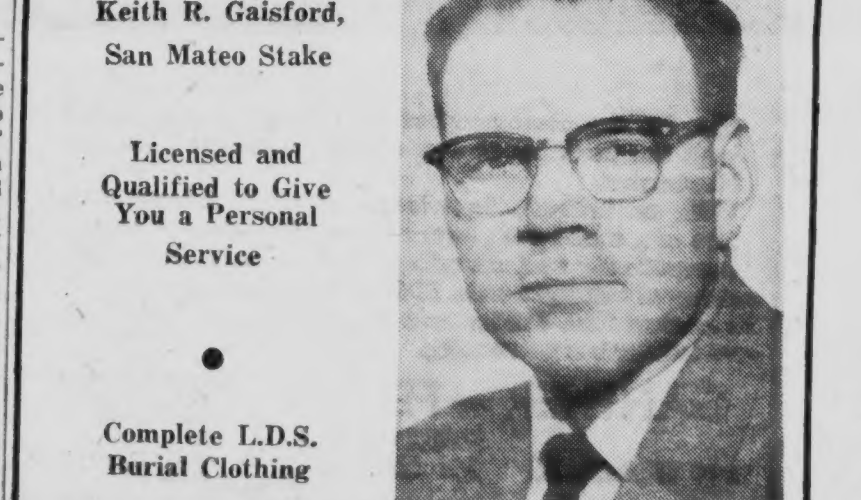
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San Mateo Stake Variety Show Jan. 17 Fund Raising Event

By Samuel W. Taylor

The perennial question that accompanies Church growth—"Where do we get the money?"—has a happy answer scheduled for Friday evening, January 17, at the San Mateo High School auditorium. Professional talent that night will present a "Variety Show Benefit" to raise the \$8,000 required to furnish the San Mateo Ward chapel with facilities for a stake center.

Need for the center arose with the creation of San Mateo Stake in September. The new stake had no baptismal font, no stake presidency office, no high council room. One of the first official acts of President Melvin P. Pickering and his counselors was to decide upon a program and get the ball rolling.

STANLEY S. GIBB of the High Council and Bishop Worth W. Daniels of San Mateo Second Ward drew up the plans, which were approved by general authorities in Salt Lake City. Then came the answer to the money problem, the decision to put on a show that would raise all the funds in one night.

Tickets for the show are being handled by the ward bishops. They cost—correction, require a donation of—\$5 apiece. Anyone who desires the honor of being a sponsor of the project can also get a reserved seat for a donation of \$10.

THIS NOT ONLY is a painless way of raising the necessary, out the show itself promises to be worth the money. William L. Stoker of the stake presidency, chairman of the committee planning the show, is drawing upon his long experience as a vocal instructor in using his professional connections to secure outstanding talent.

Cast of the show has not been announced, but rumors of big names surprising the audience will not be downed.

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New Leaders of Sunday School

By Agnes Jean Babcock

Brother Ruben Burell was released as Sunday School Superintendent on Sunday morning, December 8, because of his calling to take the position of Elders' Quorum Group Leader in the San Mateo Stake. His two Assistants who were also released at this time are Thomas Woods and John R. Barker. The sustaining of Brother Gerald K. Maloney as new Sunday School Superintendent of the Sharp Park Branch then took place. Elder Maloney recently moved to the Branch.

During the same meeting Sister Ruth Worley was sustained as Secretary to the Genealogical Committee and Brother John R. Barker as General Secretary to the Aaronic Priesthood of Sharp Park Branch.

Total membership of the Sharp Park Branch is now 384. This figure includes 124 families. Unordained male members over 21 equal 10 and unordained men under 21 number 5, making a total of 15 unordained men in the Branch. There are 21 Melchizedek Priesthood members and 59 Aaronic Priesthood members, 44 of which are Senior Aaronic Priesthood members. This makes a grand total of 80 in the Branch who hold the Priesthood.



Willard R. Card of San Jose State College presented a most informative program on visual aids to Stake and Ward Sunday School staff members on December 15 at the monthly Sunday School Stake Leadership meeting in the San Mateo Chapel. A practical approach to the use of visual aids—the type you can make simply and effectively yourself, was the theme of Brother Card's talk. Many Sunday School workers expressed that they received constructive assistance in the planning of visual aids for their classes.

Blaine Lemmon, Stake Superintendent, and his counselors, Edwin Brown and Wayne Thompson, are looking forward to working with the newly organized Stake Sunday School Board and feel fortunate in being able to obtain such highly qualified personnel. The new Stake Board consists of the following members: Grace Northrop, Sammie Voyce, Roy Nilsson, Ruth Wise, Brangfreida Montague, Marie Leth, Wanda Morley, Melba Stevens, Rose Brookhoff, Patricia Williams, Zola Gardner, Janice Jacobson, Lynn Austin, Ken Leth, Aileen Weaver, Dee Sanford, William Southwick and Lawrence Hollings.

San Mateo Second

C. R. Nelson Back From Foreign Job

"There's no place like California—and especially the Bay Area"—says Clifford R. Nelson of the U.S. State Department who is visiting with his mother, Sister Chloe Nelson of the San Mateo Second Ward, at the family home in San Carlos. Clifford, his wife Pat and three boys, Lee, Chris and Jeff have just returned from two years in Tunisia where he has been serving in the United States Embassy.

Brother Nelson has been selected to attend a three month mid-career school on foreign affairs at Washington D.C. before returning to further diplomatic assignments abroad. In addition to assignments in Tunisia, he has served at the U.S. Embassies in Greece, Austria and Saudi Arabia. In an interview Brother Nelson said in light of the newspaper headlines of the Tunisian situation, that Tunisia is a good friend of the United States and, although a small country, desires to play a dignified role in international affairs. Tunisian representatives were among those from 5 countries selected by the United Nations to investigate the Hungarian revolt last year. In size Tunisia is similar to California and has an agricultural economy—chiefly in wheat, olives and citrus fruits.

Pat and the three children will stay with her parents, Brother and Sister Lee Merrill of San Carlos, while Clifford attends school in Washington, D.C.

Joining the family for a Christmas reunion will be another son of Chloe Nelson, Raymond and Diane (recent newlyweds) from Phoenix.

Leaders Told Of Visual Aids

San Mateo Second

Relief Society Fashion Display

By Gladys Lemmon

An invitational showing of selections from screen actress Rhonda Fleming's wardrobe was one of the fall season highlights of the San Mateo Second Ward Relief Society. Zana Cummins, formerly a professional model in Los Angeles, was in charge of the fashion display with Marie Griffin assisting with arrangements and refreshments. Valline Steed, Marie Leth, and Zana Cummins modeled the 18 costumes donated by Miss Fleming through her mother, Sister Olivia Louis, a member of the ward Relief Society. A total of 377.50 was realized from this sale.

Several non-members were in attendance and expressed their appreciation for the gracious manner in which the show was conducted, the beauty and simplicity of the San Mateo Chapel and the lovely Relief Society room.

Sister Louis is presently fulfilling a Stake Mission in San Mateo Stake.

Another highlight of the fall season was the Bazaar held on November 23 under the direction of chairman Marge Daniels and second counselor Alta Bingham. A full course dinner was served and ten booths offered a large variety of items. Sister Drennan, president, reported a net income from the Bazaar of 308.75.

On December 18 Gladys Drennan, president, presided at the annual Relief Society Christmas party. Betty Beven, first counselor was in charge of arrangements. Leta Squires, literature teacher, presented Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and gave to each member a Christmas booklet of Shakespeare's gems of wisdom from the plays the Society is studying.

Singing of carols around the Christmas tree and gift exchange followed after which a luncheon was served to 35 members by Betty Bevan, Violet Hathaway, Metha Duffey, Lucille Allen and Ned Gyllenskog. Gaily decorated tables with Yule centerpieces and candles created a festive atmosphere.

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Members Plan Excursion To L. A. Temple

By Vera Johnston

Members of the Oakland Fourth ward are planning an excursion to the Los Angeles Temple January 18.

The Special Interest class will have a guest speaker once a month during the new MIA year. All adults over 26 are invited and urged to attend.

Three Senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood, and two sisters were among those honored at Berkeley chapel, December 1, after completing the course for Senior Aaronic Priesthood. Attending from Oakland Fourth were: Carl and Elinor Shipton, Earl and Wanda Schlett, and Vernon Mayer. Next class starts January 6, and will be held in the Oakland Third ward chapel on Diamond Avenue.

GIRLS OF the ward MIA have a volleyball team and play every Monday night. Boys on the Junior basketball team have won 3 and lost 2 games. They now have their new uniforms.

Thomas and Nellie Farr spent three weeks in October celebrating their golden wedding anniversary in Ogden, Utah. They were guests of honor at an open house given by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Pritchett. A family dinner was held at Graycliff Lodge in Ogden Canyon. Brother and Sister Farr were married in Ogden October 5, 1907. They have four children: Lester Farr of Stockton, California; Mrs. Forest (Francis) Pritchett of Ogden; May Farr Sawden of Oakland; and Mrs. Robert (Betty) Dunn of Pleasant Hill, California. They have 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Brother Farr was electrical inspector for the City of Ogden for many years. In 1928 they moved to Oakland where he was employed by the Southern Pacific railroad, from which he retired in October 1954. While in Utah they did endowment work at the Salt Lake Temple. They also spent a day at the genealogical building obtaining information about their families.

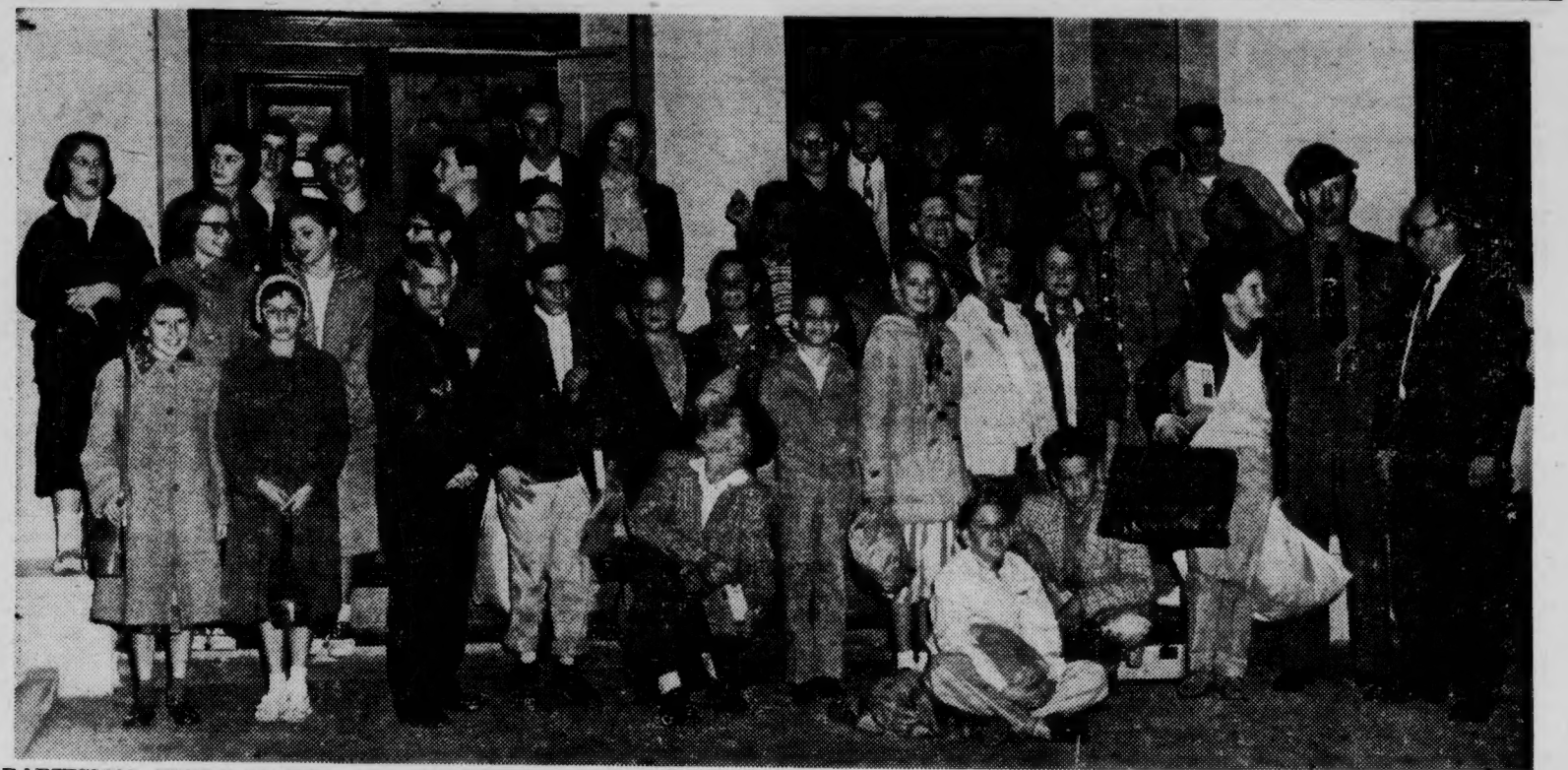
The ward Christmas party and welfare dinner was held Friday, December 20.

"WE'RE CONSIDERABLY behind in our quota for the inter-stake center," states Bishop Leland H. Wright in his message to members. Assessment letters have been sent to most members, and by the first of the new year will have been received by members who have moved into the ward since June.

Bishop Wright also urged members to strive for a better sacrament meeting attendance in 1958. All members should attend, and bring their children. The Fourth ward average is 27 per cent, and Oakland-Berkeley stake is trying for a stake average of no less than 35 per cent.

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Penny Feriante—Mother and Church Leader

By Fay Stoker

A stranger watching Penny and Jerry Feriante file into church and take up a whole row of seats with their six neatly dressed and combed youngsters would never dream

Penny would have time to teach the Theology class in Relief Society. But she does just that and more. She is full of talent. Name it, and Penny can do it. Born on a cattle ranch in Oak-

14 Full-time Missionaries Dine at Rodney McCoy Home

Fourteen missionaries were invited to invade the home of the Rodney A. McCoy, of Belmont, San Mateo Second Ward. The missionaries were among 23 church members who feasted on turkey and the trimmings at the annual gathering of all the Peninsula missionaries at the McCoy home.

The missionaries attending the Thanksgiving festivities

San Mateo Second

Primary Night Is Conducted

An outstanding "Back to Primary Night" was conducted by the San Mateo Second Ward Primary staff for the education of parents to the opportunities and objectives of the organization. Sister Maureen Ohman and her counselors, Dorothy Nelson and Zana Cummins conducted the evening, beginning with a general assembly, after which the group was divided into four sections. Using a revolving plan, the groups were led from one room to another, and in each room the teachers conducted an over-all view of the purposes of their particular class. In this way all classes were represented. With the use of visual aids and demonstrations, the purpose of Primary unfolded for the parents. Following the instructional period, refreshments were served.

Those who attended remarked that they had never been so sold on Primary and the blessings it could bring to their children and themselves by faithfully supporting this organization.

Santa arrived at the San Mateo Second Ward Primary on Tuesday, December 17, with a pack of goodies for the children. Before Old Nick's arrival, however, a program was presented by the Primary members with all classes participating, each child taking part in the singing of the Christmas hymns and the portrayals of the Nativity scenes many years ago in Palestine.

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Mission Ward

Gay Holiday Parties Held

By Marilyn H. Taylor

Members of the Mission Ward of San Francisco Stake have spent the past week in a gay, festive mood and participated in parties galore. There were many highlights and all the parties were well planned and carried out in the friendly atmosphere for which Mission Ward is noted. To those who couldn't come we can only say, "You don't know what you've missed!"

What could be more delightful for Christmas than a new baby?

First to arrive was Steven Lyna Politis, on Nov. 16. Next, on Nov. 22, came Mark Edward Petersen, and the newest addition is Thomas Benjamin Canning, born Dec. 4. The parents are Lucas and Diane Politis, Joe and Fay Peterson and Forman and Mary Canning.

Also welcomed into the ward are Elella Dun and Marilyn Jean Mondrans, who were baptized Nov. 30.

Already we miss that wonderful, jovial Simon Downs' family. Balboa Second—our loss is your gain. We hope you appreciate them—they thrive on work.

Perhaps we might each resolve in this new year to remember the boys away in service and let them know of our thoughts with a friendly note. "Home" is a word of deep meaning to them, and so is "friend." Addresses of the

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Things As They Are

Faithful Wives Of Our Leaders

By I. B. Ball

Everybody knows that behind and supporting every Church leader is a patient, busy and seldom mentioned wife. She works in the shadow, church-wise, of her husband, while he labors in the limelight of public attention.

It could hardly be otherwise. No one is to be censured for a situation that has of necessity existed with regard to all general, stake and ward authorities from the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith in Kirtland and Nauvoo to the present days in the Church in Salt Lake City, or Idaho or the South Pacific Islands.

Yet, it is well to remind ourselves of the behind-the-scenes lives and the quiet, unnoted services to the Church and to their families of the wives of our leaders.

CONSIDER a ward bishop. How many evenings does he spend at home with time to be a companion with his children? That vitally needed companionship of parent with children is perforce left largely to that mother with only an occasional helping hand from the head of the house.

And on Sundays. The bishop hurries off so early to his office at the chapel or to some calling meeting that the children aren't even awake when he dashes away.

His wife alone has the duty to spur the dawdling children through dressing, saying prayers, eating and otherwise preserving a devout spiritual atmosphere appropriate to the Sabbath and then getting all of them off to Sunday School on time.

AND DOES she then proceed to the Sunday School or Sacramento Services and sit with her husband as the other women of the ward are able to do?

No, she is left to tag along as a "church widow."

Then at the close of services either wait many tiresome minutes and be the last out of the chapel, or perchance hurry home alone from Sunday School to start the family mid-day meal.

And don't forget the phone calls and the house calls! Let us draw the curtain there and leave the rest to imagination.

Bishops counselors and ward clerks are almost as busy as the bishop himself and away from home almost as much.

WHAT OF stake presidents? And their counselors?

Perhaps of these we could use the homespun phrase: "It's the same; only more so."

The "more so" part pretty well covers the situation too at quarterly conference time when the visiting authorities are entertained at the home of the stake president.

While this occasion is a rare and appreciated one by the wives, yet hers also are the many extra cares, hours of extra labor and responsibility.

Again, the imagination will supply the details regarding the church wives of high councilmen, quorum and YMMIA leaders, not to speak of the wives of the General Authorities of the Church.

IF THIS were all that could be said of the manifold services and extra labors of the wives of Church leaders, it would be enough to call forth our greatest appreciation for their sacrifices.

But let us not forget that these same faithful wives and mothers are also pretty generally called upon to fill many positions of responsibility in the auxiliary organizations of wards and stakes. This they accomplish with devotion, for they love the divine work as much as their husbands.

"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple." —Malachi 3:1.

My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

"For verily, verily, I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one to another."

• 3 Nephi 11:29.

These are the words of our Savior, warning us of an ever present danger to our progress. Sometimes harmful friction develops between individuals and even between organizations in the Church. This is certainly not pleasing to the Lord who has taught us to love one another and serve one another that we might always truly be one. Unjust, cruel criticism of honest effort, letting little things assume gigantic proportions in our imagination, unkind, sarcastic remarks about others are some of the cleverest ways that Satan attempts to destroy the Church from within.

For an illustration of the destructive force of contention, we turn to the humble testimony of Sister Lesly Klippel who recently lived in Newport News, Virginia, where her husband, Lieut. Kenneth Klippel was stationed at Fort Eustis. She is the mother of three young children and is now serving as choir leader, organist and teacher in Mission Ward.

"It was spring of 1955. The Newport News Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was growing so rapidly that an addition to their small building was almost a necessity. Sunday School attendance had exactly doubled in one year's time; not because of new residents but because of the enthusiastic effort of the Branch workers. We were leading the District in all statistics, converts were increasing, inactive members were returning, and funds had accrued sufficiently to start a building program.

"CONSTRUCTION on a new chapel and class room addition was well under way when rather suddenly members began having difficulty working together, friction and hurt feelings developed among the ladies who were preparing lunches for the building crews. One lady left the Church one day, stating flatly that she would never come back. Feeling spread until finally payments to the building fund dwindled to the point that construction had to be stopped.

"At this point the branch presidency called a special Fast Day in the branch. All were urged to fast and pray that discord in our midst might be overcome; that the building program could be completed and our influence for good in the area be continued.

"Within the very next week, peace and harmony returned almost miraculously. The people started paying their pledges and work on the building proceeded so well that it was dedicated on schedule. Not only that but the remarkable enthusiasm in the Branch increased. Formerly inactive members became interested and active to the degree that several of them later said they had actually gained a testimony of the truthfulness of this gospel while in the Newport News Branch.

"AS AN ILLUSTRATION, one man walked into the Branch president's office one day saying, 'I haven't been in Church in ten years. Here I am, give me a job.' He became such a willing worker that he was advanced in the Priesthood and was serving in the Sunday School Superintendency when we left the Branch. He also brought his wife into the church.

"zations of wards and stakes. This they accomplish with devotion, for they love the divine work as much as their husbands.

All Hail, these wives of our Church leaders!



OAKLAND WARD'S NEW BISHOPRIC is shown in first official photograph following recent reorganization of the ward. Front row, from left, are First Counselor Thomas M. Pyne, Bishop John M. Hughes and Second Counselor Edward E. Pollins. Back row, from left, Assistant Ward Clerk Horace Kent Sewell; Ward Clerk (finance) Joseph Arlin Bickman, and Ward Clerk (statistical) Mervin M. Brown.

D. F. Wrights Send Regards

"The Messenger" means more to Delbert F. Wright and Gertrude Wright than it had ever meant before they moved from this area.

President Wright who was Oakland Stake President prior to formation of the Oakland-Berkeley stake more than a year ago, said in a recent note to I. B. Ball:

"We are so pleased to receive the Messenger each month. It has come to mean even more to us here (Minnesota) than it did before, and Gertrude and I read it avidly from cover to cover. Perhaps this isn't too surprising, since a good share of our hearts are still with our many fine friends in Northern California.

The fine quality of the paper, its broad coverage of the activities of the Bay region, and its interesting style of reporting the news of the area, were praised by Brother Wright, along with paying a tribute to I. B. Ball for his untiring efforts over the years. He said that it was sometimes only Brother Ball's untiring efforts which kept the paper alive over the years.

He expressed happiness over the fact that the paper is progressing under the direction of its new editor and other assistants in addition to Brother Ball.

The plan was discussed with stake presidents during a visit to Los Angeles of Harold Glen Clark, dean of extension service at BYU. With Dean Clark were Sherman Sheffield, chairman of on-campus instruction; Richard (Henstrom), chairman of instruction, and Mark Benson, chairman of the BYU Center. They interviewed prospective teachers.

Possible programs were discussed with stake presidents to determine where additional extension services could be utilized. Programs already in operation in the Los Angeles area include missionary training, genealogy, Book of Mormon classes and a class in chiasm.

Credit and non credit courses were discussed, including correspondence courses, courses through travel and lecture classes.

Walnut Creek Stake Conference Set At Walnut Creek

Walnut Creek Stake's quarterly conference is scheduled for Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, January 12 at the Walnut Creek Chapel, 2369 Overlook Drive, Walnut Creek. President Norman B. Creer will open the conference. A representative of the General Authorities at Salt Lake City is scheduled to conduct the conference.

The Saturday night session will be of special interest to Aaronic Priesthood holders. Details of the program will be announced by the ward bishops.

Oakland Ward BYU Center Considered In L. A. Area

Establishment of a Brigham Young University-Los Angeles center for adult education is in the planning stage.

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Oakland Ward New Bishopric

The new Oakland Ward Bishopric, headed by Bishop John M. Hughes, as plunged into the exacting work of directing a ward which is in the middle of raising funds for part of the chapel being erected at the Three-Stake Center on Temple Hill in Oakland.

Bishop Hughes has had previous experience in Bishopric activities. He served as counselor to Bishop Paul E. Warnick of Oakland Ward and Oakland Fifth Ward, also to Bishop O. Leslie Stone in Oakland Fifth. He was branch president of the Belleville, Ill. branch, 1953-55 and was counselor to Bishop Frank C. Higham, Oakland Ward.

First Counselor Thomas M. Pyne served as second counselor with Bishop Higham, was chairman of the ward finance committee for several years, and superintendent of Sunday School, Oakland Fifth. Second Counselor Edward E. Collins, a convert to the Church, served as financial ward clerk under Bishop Stone in the Oakland Fifth, and as statistical clerk under Bishop Higham.

Assistant Ward Clerk Horace Kent Sewell, who was a ward clerk in Arizona before moving to California, is in charge of ward teaching, a member of the finance committee and ward carnival and bazaar committee.

Ward Clerk Joseph Arlin Bickman, financial, is a new member of the ward from Utah now employed by Cal-Pack. He was released as manual counselor in the YMMIA to accept the ward clerk position.

Ward Clerk (statistical) Mervin M. Brown was a Sunday School superintendent in the old Oakland Ward and has been active in the new ward activities.

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OAKLAND THIRD WARD'S NEW BISHOPRIC, shown here, is entrusted with one of the biggest jobs in the history of the ward, directing the construction of a share of the new chapel on Temple Hill and helping to finance it and a portion of the Three Stake Center. The recently-organized bishopric, from left (front row) First Counselor Douglas A. Swanson; Bishop Lorenzo N. Hoopes, and Second Counselor Ronald V. Stone. Back row, Assistant Ward Clerk Robert D. Jaynes; Ward Clerk Kenneth G. Matheson, and Financial Clerk Wallace L. Morgan.

Oakland Second

New Members Are Welcomed

By Karen Shaw

The Oakland Second Ward extends a hearty welcome to new Ward members also welcome

members. Being in a transient area, the ward is continually having families move in and out. The ward welcomes Allen Johnson, Dennis Carter and Elwood Christensen and their wives; Herbert Gromish, Raymond Mitchell, Laraine Marshall and Shirleen Sheffield.

home for the Christmas holidays the students attending BYU this year. These include Carole Bryant, Mel Darton, Gaye Jacobs, Jay Rounds and Ann Sutton. Caryl Jacobs is leaving to attend winter quarter at the Y.

The annual ward Christmas party held December 17 was presented by the MIA, under direction of Dana Webb, speech director and Alina Wachter, music director. Big red berries, pine cones and tall poinsettias set the mood for the program. Afterward the Primary children sang carols Santa Claus was on hand to take orders for Christmas and give out treats of candy canes and apples.

Those baptized and confirmed this month were, Lynn Robert Keef, Floyd William Marsh, Charles Burdett Munson, Fanny Ecuador Munson, and Franklin Gary. Five babies received blessings in December. They were Raymond Vernal Mitchell, Jr., Joey Lynne Marsh, Kenneth Dean Keith, Randall Keith Grommish and Lawrence Rodney Morris.

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Richmond Ward

Preliminary Chapel Plans Studied as Benefits Slated

By Catherine R. O'Connor

An architect's colored sketch of the proposed Richmond Ward chapel is now on display and auxiliary organizations are studying preliminary floor plans to suggest changes through which the new building might better fulfill the needs of the ward's 1000 members.

Construction should begin this summer, according to Bishop Harold E. DeLaMare, who said approximately \$35,000 must be on hand before work can start. The new chapel is expected to cost \$265,000.

The Richmond Ward Bishopric wishes to join the Eighth Quorum of Elders, sponsors of the annual Christmas tree sale, in expressing appreciation to all who supported this project. Assistance from ward members who patronized and helped man the lot was greatly appreciated, according to Quorum President Joseph Giovanini, who said special thanks is due to many members of neighboring wards and stakes who bought their trees in El Cerrito. Stanley Ruggles and Thomas Young helped organize the project, proceeds of which will go toward welfare and building funds.

RICHMOND WARD Relief Society and Sunday School staff cooperated in a primary children's Christmas party last month and each will sponsor a ward dinner for the building fund this month. January 24 is the date for the Sunday School dinner, while the Relief Society will sponsor the February 21 event.

Another event to aid the chapel building fund is a play to be staged by the MIA tentatively scheduled for January 31.

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Primary Board Gives Party in San Mateo Stake

By Neda Gyllenscog

In a setting of gay, festive Christmas decor, the new San Mateo Stake Primary Board entertained their husbands at a dinner party on December 12th in the Redwood City Chapel. President and Mrs. Pickering and Pres. and Mrs. Durrant were the special guests for this gala affair, being the first party held by the new Stake Board. Red cloth covered tables with gold arrangements and Christmas mobile decorations suspended from the ceiling brought the beauty of the Yule season to those present.

The San Mateo Stake Primary is presided over by Arlene Jones, with counselors Dolores Merrill and Henrietta Harris. Under their enthusiastic and efficient leadership are the following board members: Secretary, Elaine Ashby, Choral Director, Elsie Hess; Organist, Jean Sorenson; In-Service Trainer, Carol Thorpe; Nursery Leader, Nadean Wilcox; Sunbeams, Lila Allred; Stars, Donna Peterkin; Rainbows, Esther Pierce; Co-Pilots, Audrie West; Top Pilots, Neda Gyllenscog; Larks, Shirley McMurdy; Bluebirds, Janet Daines; Blazers, Velda Eifer; Trekkers, Rose Marshall; Guide Patrol Leader, Rosabelle Durrant.

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Rodeo Ward

Dinner-Bazaar Is Successful

By Una Ellsworth

The annual Harvest Turkey dinner and bazaar held in the Memorial hall on Friday the 13th was well attended.

Bishop Vernal Horn, his counselors and ward members wish to thank all who worked diligently to make the occasion so successful. The moneys realized from the dinner and bazaar go toward the welfare fund.

Brother Arthur and Sister Vera Wells and sons, David and Billy, of Torney, entertained family guests for Christmas.

Charles W. Wells, his wife and family, who reside near Shasta enjoyed their visit and the holiday spirit that prevails in "The Village."

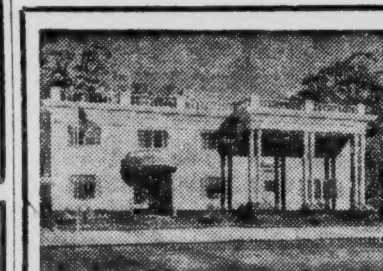
Arthur Wells is President of a newly organized Branch at Burney, located in the Northern California mission.

Arthur "Artie" Wells, eldest son of Arthur and Vera Wells, was home for the holidays. He attends BYU at Provo, Utah.

Brother James Allen has returned home following major surgery in a nearby hospital.

Mayteel Fedash who spent a week at Brookside hospital in San Pablo undergoing treatment, has returned to her home in Pinole.

Bishop Vernal Horn and his First Counselor Dene Ogden and several members of MIA motored to Los Angeles recently to do Temple work.



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Claremont Ward

Melvin Marvin, Gerald Millward Leaving for Foreign Missions

By Lenore Wood

Claremont Ward is honoring two missionaries who have been called to serve in foreign missions. Melvin J. Marvin who has received his call to the Canadian Missions, was given a farewell on Sunday December 29 in the Claremont Ward Chapel. Melvin has been attending school at the Brigham Young University and returned to Berkeley to accept this call.

Gerald S. Millward, son of A. Seldon Millward, former bishop of Claremont Ward and current member of the Stake High Council, received his call to the Mexican Mission. His Farewell evening is planned for January 5 at 4:30 p.m. in Claremont Ward. A fine program is being prepared. The many friends are invited to join in giving these young men their support in this great calling.



ELDER MILLWARD

THE MANY MANY FRIENDS of former Bishop Charles C. Carr and Christa Hatt gathered at the Claremont Ward Lounge on November 29 to witness their wedding which was performed by President O. Leslie Stone of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, and to congratulate them and wish them well.

Christa looked lovely in a black velvet dress with a white orchid corsage. Her daughter, Grace Hatt

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Oakland Ward

Elder Addis To Australia

By Joan Tocher

Greetings to Oakland Ward for a happy New Year!

Home for the Christmas holidays from BYU were Bart Cardon, John Doxey Kathleen Hallman, James Norberg and Tom Stone. From A.C. in Logan, Carol Christiansen, and from USC Medical School was Mike Warnick. Barbara Hart who is teaching at Provo was also home for Christmas. Robert and Sharon Linfield were here from the University of Utah, Parker Fuhrman from Stanford, and Dick and Nancy Hughes were visiting from Tucson, Arizona.

Sharon and Bob Larsen are staying with the Highams with their three children.

Visiting Utah from Oakland Ward were the Joe and Betty Frisch family.

Sally McClay was married in the Temple to Henry S. Todd, who is attending BYU, and will return to school after the holidays. Tom Pyne Jr. will also be attending BYU during the winter quarter.

DEE ADDIS is being sent on a full-time mission to Australia. He is scheduled to arrive at the Mission Home in Salt Lake City on February 3, and will depart for the mission field on the S.S. Mar-

posa February 10.

Steven S. Joplin and Irvin McClay were interviewed by President Delbert Rock and called on a stake mission. They will commence their training during the first week of January, 1958.

The Primary Organization organized a wonderful party on December 21. Accompanied by heavy rains, there was a program entitled "Living Christmas Cads" along with fun and Santa Claus.

Oakland Ward enjoyed a most successful bazaar and carnival. Besides being successful financially, everyone had a wonderful time. There were games for the children, with prizes, plenty to eat, and a large variety of items at bargain prices.

On November 16, the new Bishopric of Oakland Ward was set apart by Elder Clifford E. Young, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve. Those set apart were Bishop John Hughes, Tom Pyne, First Counselor, and Edward Collins, Second Counselor.

Also in November, Oakland Ward was treated to a very special evening when the Frank Higham family presented the Sacramento Meeting. All members of the Higham family living in Oakland participated in the program. Douglas presented "Life with Father no Longer Bishop" in the form of a humorous poem; Leslie played a flute solo, accompanied by her mother on the piano; and Linda Hingam and Christine Barnes, cousin of Sister Higham (continued on page 16)

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ENGAGEMENT of Miss Elizabeth Fuhrman of Oakland to David Pierpont Gardner, of Berkeley, was announced during the holidays. They will be married next summer.

Libby Fuhrman, David Gardner Tell Engagement

Gift packages distributed during the holidays had special significance at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Fuhrman, Oakland Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Reed S. Gardner, Berkeley First Ward. The gifts provided a novel way to announce the engagement of Elizabeth (Libby) Fuhrman to David Pierpont Gardner.

Elizabeth is completing graduate work in dental hygiene at the University of California Medical Center following studies at Brigham Young University and Stanford. She attended Piedmont High School, where she was a member of Thistle Branch of Children's Hospital. One brother, David, is on a mission in Switzerland, and another brother, Parker, is a Stanford freshman.

The bridegroom-elect is completing UC graduate work for his master's degree in public administration. He was student body president at Berkeley High School, and a member of the Athenian Club. Before starting graduate work at UC he was graduated from BYU. His sister, Vilate, is a sophomore at BYU, and he has two brothers, Reed and Jim.

The engaged couple will announce the summer wedding date later.

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U of C Ward Has Month Of 'First's'

By Mildred Anderson

Ocober was a month of firsts for University ward:

A missionary farewell and testimonial meeting was held for Elder Ronald Hunt, on October 13. Elder Hunt was called to the Uruguayan mission and is first to be called from University ward.

Because it is rare to have missionaries serve from a university ward, all members are thrilled to have a full-time missionary. Elder Hunt is a junior at the University of California and has been active in school as well as in the LDS Institute.

On October 6, the Genealogical committee of the ward presented a play to an over-flowing audience.

Returning from his mission to the East Central States is Elder John Reiche who reports he is thrilled by his experiences and feels his mission has been a wonderful experience.

Susan Betty Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Stone, was the first baby to be named in the University ward.

Joel Ellermier was baptized and during Fast and Testimony meeting became the first to be confirmed in our new ward. Joel is a senior at U. C. where he is majoring in mechanical engineering.

The University Ward Relief Society made its debut as a ward auxiliary when it gave its first semi-annual program, November 4. A women's chorus of 15 young ladies participated and Stake Relief Society president Annabell Hart was present.

The University ward chorus provided music for the afternoon session of Oakland-Berkeley Stake conference November 17, under the leadership of Brother Lovette, loaned to us by Claremont ward.

A special welcome is extended to Elder Merlin Shaw who has come to the University to work on his Ph.D. in Education. Elder Shaw will act as Brother Lee Kenner's assistant in helping to supervise the seminaries and to teach Institute classes. He has been bishop of the South Cottonwood ward in Utah and has been principal of the Olympic Seminary, the largest Seminary in the church (900 students, 7 classrooms, 30 classes). Brother Shaw served in the German-Austrian mission, and spends his summers guiding people on trips over the old Mormon trail. He and his wife have 3 girls and 3 boys.

Preliminary Plans (continued from page 11)

grandparents.
As many Richmond Ward college students and servicemen were welcomed home for the holidays last month, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor (Sister O'Connor is Relief Society counselor) received word that their son John has graduated with honors from the audio specialist School in New York. Now stationed in a Military Intelligence unit at Ft. Hood, Texas, Pvt. O'Connor was commended for his "outstanding scholastic" achievements and excellent soldierly qualities.

Saints Asked to Enlarge Efforts in Genealogy

By E. V. Schier

Many New Year resolutions of L.D.S. members will be strongly influenced by the precept: "You cannot be saved without your dead" and many will make their first decisive steps to join the Genealogy Workshop groups in wards and stakes, feeling this is the solution for their past procrastinating attitudes. It is well to "take stock" that sure success in tomorrow's realization may be blighted by today's doubts "as why do I have to give my leisure time? Let the older members have something to occupy" their retire-

Berkeley Second

Primary Tells Of Yule Customs

By Dawna Derr

Primary children of the Berkeley Second Ward presented their annual Christmas program Friday evening, December 20, with the theme, Christmas In Other Lands.

Those attending the interesting program learned that Germany gave us the beautiful carol, "Silent Night" and also introduced to the world the custom of decorating the Christmas tree.

English children long ago used garlands of green holly boughs and mistletoe to decorate their homes with at Christmas time; thus the carol, "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly."

Caroling was started in France, where children sang noels in the streets at Christmas time.

Mexico was depicted with much gaiety, singing and dancing. The lighting of Christmas candles had its beginning in that country.

"Christmas in America" made our hearts beat a little faster as boys and girls loaded with ski and ice skating equipment sang our own beautiful song, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." The children demonstrated that America has some original traditions and customs, even though we have borrowed many from other countries.

Hanging up stockings and the legend of Santa Claus is truly American.

The real meaning of Christmas and the very beginning of it all was beautifully interwoven into the entire program, with the nativity scene and the story of the Savior's birth in Bethlehem.

Climax of the evening was the jingle of sleigh bells and the entrance of Old Santa Claus himself with his bag of treats for the children.

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ment; or it's fine to get the teenagers thinking about responsibilities. Yet, IT IS YOUR DUTY—NOW for your departed's temple work.

Your humble prayer for guidance and intelligence will bring many blessings and talents for your improvement in the adult classes. Stake Chairman Edgar of the San Francisco area highlighted the thought that responsibility must be shouldered by Stake genealogy classes.

Mrs. G. E. Schier, stake research consultant, announces that new registrants will be accepted at January 8 meeting in Mission Chapel, 3715 26th Street, and a few full-review sessions, and that the revised San Francisco and Berkeley Stake Lecture Books will be available for members, with many new features and additional source materials. The Open House Genealogy program will be sponsored by class on January 25, and expectation for 150 or more for the pot-luck supper reservations at 7 p.m., with an array of forum inspirational and practical help speakers in the genealogical fields. Brother Ken Child

Berkeley Second

Absentees Back For the Holidays

By Ann Crockett

Holiday-swamped everbodies greet nosy reporters with a brusque "Merry Christmas"—so if news is lacking for December, blame the happy season.

Dozens of college kids are battling wintry trails, roads, and skies in holiday-homing to gracious old Berkeley for Christmas. Bill Owens arrived from New Zealand a little early, and is enjoying a hearty welcome.

The Milton Noes are here from Los Angeles; and Marian and Clyde Rasmussen are glowing like Christmas candles over their exciting European trip. Dr. Woolf is grandpapa at Tony's and Brother William Raymond, and C. D. Anderson from Idaho, are playing Santa Claus at the Hale and Crockett homes. Numerous other visitors, whom we would like to report and welcome, are sharing cozy ward hearthsides with their loved ones. And Julie Allison is gurgling over her first Christmas.

Yuletide programs, caroling, and festivities usher in the magic season. Primary Relief Society—with Margaret Owen's inimitable presentation of Twelfth Night—Sunday School, Mutual, and the majestic rendition of THE MESSIAH, all weave the gay tapestry of Christmas.

Our conscientious editor and his staff, all wish you a newsworthy Christmas, and ask you to contribute items of special interest.

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and the Mission group are carrying a person-to-person, duplicate report for all families, in addition to a new home survey to obtain completed charts that have not been forwarded for temple work.

Dinner reservations: Evan Hunter JU 6-5461 or Sister Hawkins—days JU 6-4873; Sister Wyatt, MA 1-3370; Sister Child AT 2-8087. Reservations 50 cents per person.

Oakland-Berkeley Stake Names Checked For Directory

By Mildred Fontano

A new Oakland-Berkeley stake directory is in the making with Marion G. Stevens chairman of the committee, and Armin J. Ashby and Theodore Hilton as assistants. Anyone whose families were omitted from the current directory is advised to check with ward committee.

Three young "school marm" motor daily from Berkeley to the Hayward area to further education. Naomi Layton is a supervisor in the Hayward school system and Cheryl Johnson, Mary Achman and Sharon Layton have transportation in the same car with Mrs. Layton.

The six volumes of Treasures of Pioneer Truth published by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers was presented by LaVon Johnson to the Berkeley Relief Society Library. This library has all the volumes of the Relief Society Magazine from 1915 to 1956 bound and on file, the Anna Patton-Illa Miner collection.

Warren C. Morgan, formerly of Oakland, has been promoted again by the Morris Plan Building and Loan Association and is now manager of the business and bank in Vallejo.

Vanita Ruegg, formerly of the Bay Area, was a recent visitor from Reno, Nevada. Vanita has charge of handicraft for the City of Reno and the Reno schools.

COMINGS AND GOINGS—Richard and Nancy Hart Hughes, attending the University of Arizona, in Tucson, are Christmasing in Berkeley. Barbara Hart is home from BYU for Christmas festivities. From USC in Los Angeles Michael Warnick is forgetting medical school for a week while he celebrates Christmas with his parents, the Paul Warnicks.

Gay Holiday (continued from page 9)

servicemen can be obtained from the bulletin board at Church. Wally Allred, one of the three, has been in the hospital in Japan fighting a war with Asian flu.

Another good resolution is to attend to our Father's work. See you in Church!

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San Mateo Stake 40 Young People Go To Temple

Responding to a young people's excursion to the Los Angeles Temple, 40 members from three wards of San Mateo Stake took a chartered bus in the morning, performed 600 baptisms at the Temple, and were home that night after traveling 800 miles.

Such were the results of the first young people's temple excursion for 14 boys and 19 girls, accompanied by the newly-created stake. A total of by seven adults, from San Mateo First, San Mateo Second, and Burlingame wards, made the trip, leaving early, returning late, and having a full and memorable day at the temple.

Individual expense for the trip, \$10, was borne by the young people themselves. "It's better that way," reported David C. Wells, in charge of baptisms for the Stake Genealogical Committee. "It means more to them if they earn it."

The bishops had cooperated, finding work for youngsters who wanted to earn their way. And, reported Wells, "The testimonies of the young people, which they bore next day at church, showed that they did appreciate the experience."

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Balboa Second

Members of Balboa Second Ward Advanced During Past Month

By Lola Geary

During the past month Charlie Fuller was ordained a Priest; Kathy Christine Laabs, baptised; and Baby Thomas Allen Hooper blessed by his father. Among the many musical numbers put on by our young people, three young ladies: Joann Baird, Irma Lee Williams, and Mary Carlson, sang at several programs. At the Relief Society Christmas Party, December 18, they sang, "Star Of The East" and "Jesu Bambino."

Some of the shut-ins are making headway in their struggle to regain their health. Among them are, Florence Galbraith, Grace Ransom, Lillian Moore and Brother Busenbark. Many others have been ill with less serious illnesses and the ward extends to them especially the Heartiest of Seasons Greetings and God Speed in their fight

for recovery of their health.

The Primary Bluebird class entertained their parents and friends Sunday December 15. The girls made the refreshments themselves, served candy in attractive baskets and punch and cookies. Mamie Lambson is their leader.

Everyone extends sympathy to William and Nancy Thomas in the loss of their baby daughter, born December 12 and died December 13.

The MIA is in charge of the San Francisco Stake Saturday Night Dances. They are making plans to give the dances a boost in order that they will be the very best. A different theme will be used for each dance, for example, "A Night in Paris." The dances are under the direct supervision of Richard Cook and Alice Patrick.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE By John O. Breckon Merry Christmas to All is ringing throughout the air. What a happy joyful season! Let us as Latter-day Saints not forget the true spirit of the occasion and keep ourselves separate from the excesses of the world.

"If ye are not one, ye are not mine" said the Savior; therefore, let us worship together in spirit and in truth throughout the coming year!

Bill Owens, of Berkeley Second, Back from Stay in New Zealand

By Lynette Eyring

Bill Owens, a member of the Berkeley Second Ward and a senior at El Cerrito High School has recently returned from a six month stay in New Zealand as an American Field Service (AFS) exchange student.

Bill is the son of Bishop Richard Owens of the University Ward and the brother of Dave Owens, who went to Germany in 1956 as an AFS exchange student also.

Bill was one of 24 who went to New Zealand for the six month stay. "We were the first group sponsored by the AFS to go to a foreign country for six months and attend school there," he said.

THE GROUP LEFT on May 21 by ship and after spending 15 days on board landed in New Zealand. Bill went to live in the town of Eltham situated in the province of Taranaki with the T. R. Bourke family. There was a boy, Jim 17 years old, and a girl, Beverly, 19 years old. Mr. Bourke is the secretary of the Taranaki Power Board.

"I attended a co-educational school, which is one of the few schools of this type in New Zealand uniforms were required (boys wore short pants) and there were no extra curricular activities outside of sports in the school. Bill took English, French, Physics, and math.

He said that the New Zealand schools are more difficult academically than here.

Because the Church was 40 miles from Bill's residence he couldn't attend very often. "But I saw much evidence of missionary work going on in New Zealand," he said. "The new Church school, the New Zealand College, has a lot of influence among the people."

While in New Zealand Bill saw the Clifton Boyack family, former members of the Berkeley Second Ward. Brother Boyack has been made the president of the Church College in New Zealand and his family sent their greetings to everyone with Bill.

Some of the customs hard for Bill to get used to were "driving on the left side of the road and stores not being open on Saturday and Sunday."

DURING PART of October the 24 members of the AFS group went on a tour of the South Islands of New Zealand. They viewed the "scenic wonders of the islands as well as other things."

The thing that impressed Bill most on his trip was the Maori people; their friendliness and their exceptionally beautiful singing and dancing. The Maoris, a Polynesian people, were there when the white settlers came.

On the return trip the group stopped in Hawaii and Bill saw the Temple at Laie and went to Church there. "The service was very impressive," he remarked. Of his return home Bill said, "It was good to go away but it's better to be home."

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San Francisco Ward

Senior Aaronic Advancements

The annual Relief Society cooked food and gifts sale was held in the San Francisco Ward recreation hall, Friday, November 15. The evening's activities included: chop suey and or tamale dinner, served at 6:30 p.m., various home-cooked foods for home consumption, several game concession booths, clothing, bedding, fancy needlework, nut baskets, etc. for sale and an excellent program. The program consisted of several numbers from two musical groups: The Dale and Billy Burnett duo, and the Steers Brothers Quartet. (Jesse, Harry, Don and Earl).

Several members of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood have recently been advanced in the Priesthood. Frank Baker, Theodore Lengel, Donald Perkins, Ronald Tiffany, and Roy Thomas Welch were ordained teachers on November 3, and Ronald Joseph Higby was advanced to Priest.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

John Homer Miller writes: "In one of his orations, Cicero said, 'The grateful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all others.' The persons who have a grateful heart have almost everything, whereas the person without it has almost nothing."

A grateful heart is not dependent upon wealth or health. The cup which holds few worldly satisfactions may yet run over with gratitude and happiness; while the cup running over with many satisfactions—wealth, honors, etc.—may hold but a small amount of gratitude and happiness. It is a strange fact that there is no relation between the amount of satisfaction we gain in life and the amount of happiness we enjoy. All around us are cheerful and happy people with few of life's satisfactions and also unhappy people with many of life's satisfactions.

One secret of this paradox is a grateful heart. Latter-day Saints are a grateful people. We are grateful for God's mercy, for restoring the original Gospel of Christ, for the gift of the Holy Ghost as a guide, for the Priesthood of God, for the fellowship of Saints, and for all other blessings that accompany the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is no wonder that a people with a history of hard sacrifices should feel that deepest gratitude.

Yet, true gratitude is more than an inward feeling of thanks. Benjamin Franklin has expressed the feelings of a truly thankful person to repay in the future for all the blessings handed down from the past—"For my own part, when I am employed in serving others, I do not look upon myself as conferring favors but as paying debts. In my travels and since my settlement I have received much kindness from men and numberless mercies from God."

"Those kindnesses from men I can therefore only return to their fellowmen; and I can only show my gratitude for these mercies from God by my readiness to help my brethren. For I do not think that thanks and compliments, though repeated weekly, can discharge our real obligations to each other, and much less those to our Creator."

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Castro Valley Ward

Ward Officers Asked To Lead In Boosting Increased Attendance

By Nell Smith

"In our ward you are the leaders. You are the leavening power of the ward," said Bishop Heber James Brown at a recent meeting of Castro Valley Ward officers. His council was given as a goal was being set for an increase in attendance at Sacrament meetings. "We have been commanded by our Heavenly Father to attend Sacrament meetings but it is for the officers, teachers and priesthood leaders to set the example and lead the way."

The ward teachers have an advantage over other officers in that they can reach families who perhaps do not attend Sacrament meetings. Bishop Brown urges all ward teachers to extend to these families a warm invitation to "rest from your labors and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High." Ward teachers should call attention to time of meetings and remind parents that children belong and are welcome at the services.

It was unanimously decided that an attendance increase of five per cent over the present ward average could be achieved in the first half of the New Year. If all ward officers made it their responsibility to try to gain a 100 per cent attendance of the workers under their jurisdiction it would not be long before others would follow the path to regular church attendance.

The goal has been set, five per cent increase for the first step, the Lord's commandment recited and with prayerful application of the council given there seems little doubt that the aim will be accomplished.

"But learn that he who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come." D & C. 59: 23.

POSTERS, printing and pantomime spell publicity in Castro Valley and the Building committee's public relations department has made use of all three media. Sunday School gatherings have been their target, where committee members have appeared armed with pins and lapel buttons to spread the gospel of chapel building.

Elder Tennyson Walton, recently called to be president of the Fourth Quorum of Elders, will continue as the chairman of Public Relations. Art work is directed by Sister Mary Bolles with Sister Carole Robinson assisting while Brother and Sister Rowland Smith disseminate the information.

Next building fund project will be the resumption of the monthly family night dinners. Special entertainment has been arranged for the event to be held Friday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. Four young

gentlemen known as the "Swing Brothers" will demonstrate their abilities on guitar, banjo and accordians. The boys, whose names are Chuck and Jay Chancey, Jeff and Doug Torres, have appeared in a Walt Disney movie. They will be presented by Clarence Ward, entertainment chairman for the evening.

SANTA CLAUS visited Castro Valley Ward junior members at a Christmas party at which the MIA presented the Christmas program. Story and song told of the beginning of Christendom at Sunday Sacrament services. The newly organized choir presented the music under the direction of Mel Orgill while Sister Mary Jane Root gave the narration.

RELIEF SOCIETY officers report gratifying success with their bazaar both for the benefit of the Society and the ward building fund. Throughout the year Relief Society meetings have been attended by at least a third of the membership. A Christmas luncheon with gift exchange were enjoyed.

Primary workers expect to present the Bishopric and the building committee with a generous post-Christmas gift. Sales of Christmas cards were generous and will show a comfortable profit.

FIRESIDE MEMBERS, who are presently receiving the missionary lessons from stake missionaries Brother and Sister Clarence Ward, spent part of their last meeting time writing to Elder Heber C. Brown who is in England and Elder Lawrence E. Bates in Brazil.

Reports have been received from both elders that the work of spreading the gospel is progressing with rewarding success. Both tell of increased testimonies and expressed great joy in the work in which they are engaged.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS are extended from Castro Valley ward members to all readers of the "Messenger" and we wish for you many blessings in the New Year.

Marvin, Millward

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Ponti, who attended her, was dressed in Christmas white. Brother Carr's oldest son M. Elmo Carr stood with his father to receive their many friends.

Everyone was so happy to see two younger sons of Brother Carr, Stanley and Warren, with their families from southern California. Sister Clara Chase from Long Beach was also present. It was almost like a reunion for Claremont Ward, so many of the former members were there, as well as friends from all the Bay area Stakes.

Friends of Christa and Charles planned and served refreshments for the open house following the wedding. Musical numbers and background music were given by Lily Blackburn, Lurline Tucker and Marjorie Remington. The couple had requested no gifts, but so many wanted to do something that an old fashioned wedding-bowl was found and placed on a table near the guest book where friends dropped coins.

Brother and Sister Carr were pleased with the thoughtfulness of their friends and plan to get something nice for their home. They wish to thank everyone and to say that it was a most happy occasion where they could greet so many of their dear friends. After a short trip to Carlsbad Caverns they will work in the Temple in Mesa. They will make their home in Arizona.

BISHOP AND SISTER WOOD spent Thanksgiving time in Utah visiting with their daughter, Lenore Bennion, and her family. Owen is bishop in one of the Orem Wards. Both wish to be remembered to their many friends in Claremont Ward where Owen was active in Stake missionary work in 1954.

News from Italy has been received by Bishop Wood that his daughter, Anne Widtfelt, has a new baby boy, David Christopher, born Dec. 7 at the Naval Base Hospital. This is the fifth child for the Widtfelts. John is serving in Italy with the U.S. Navy following an extended tour of duty in Korea and Japan.

Los Altos

Six Young Men '100 Per Cent'

Six young men in the Los Altos Ward were recently cited by the bishop for 100 per cent attendance at both priesthood and sacrament meetings during the last year. They are Robert Croshaw, Marvin Francis, Kent Francis, James Hild, Emerson McOmber, and LeGrand McOmber. This is the second year for Robert Croshaw and Kent Francis to attain that difficult goal and the fifth year for Emerson McOmber. It is the first year for the other boys.

In recognition of the attainment, the ward grants, besides the usual certificate, a triple-combination award, consisting of the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price. For the second year the award is a missionary Bible. The type of recognition for additional years is under consideration.

Sunday School

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was held December 22.

We wish speedy recoveries to Charlene Hathaway, injured in an automobile accident November 13; and Pauline Ewald, who had a recent operation.

The Willford W. Nelson family has been very happy since the arrival of the new little girl, Pamea, born November 29.

The choir has sung at the last few Sacrament meetings and is growing in members and quality. Pierce B. Nelson is director.

Congratulations to the young ones who have been selling cookies. In November, Ray Christensen reported they had cleared \$400. They sold to LDS members and to neighbors. Proceeds go to the tri-state Center.

November 22 a ward carnival and bazaar was held in the recreation hall. A banquet for Senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood was held on November 20.

Elder Addis

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sang a duet.

Both Bishop Higham and his wife spoke of many wonderful personal experiences, as well as principles of the Gospel.

Supporting Bishop Higham on the stand where previous members of the Bishopric. These included Brothers Don Wall, Richard Johnson, Dean Ogden, Martin Jefferies, and Herman Uffins. Also present was Brother Kenneth Renshaw, who had just moved to San Francisco from Oakland Ward; and Stake President Clifton A. Rooker and wife Edna from Stockton.

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